

Torrance, California
June 27, 1944

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, June 27, 1944, at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag!

Councilman Cucci moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held June 13, 1944 be approved as written. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Mayor requested Clerk Bartlett to open the bids which had been received for six busses for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines; and also for the collection and disposal of garbage.

Clerk Bartlett opened a bid from the Crown Body & Coach Corporation, 2500 East 12th Street, Los Angeles, California, offering to deliver to the City of Torrance six (6) Model DE-135-10 Hall Scott powered Crown Super Coaches equipped with Model 135 Hall Scott engines and otherwise as per general specifications attached and comprising the following equipment per coach:

- (a) Base price per coach, less tires \$10,815.00
- (b) Automatic thermostatic controlled Kysor rad. shutters 30.00
- (c) 9-10" rims over 8" rims 49.00
- (d) Front tow-eye and reinforcements 9.00
- (e) Westinghouse air treadle clutch 50.00
- (f) One 12-Volt dash fan 10.00
- (g) Rear circulating air operated door and excluding left-side emergency door 95.00

The above quotations being made on the basis of being applicable to each coach and are subject to Federal Excise Tax unless duly exempted and are also subject to the regular California retail sales tax. Price quoted includes painting two standard colors and is based upon the 45-passenger model U-45 seating plan, less passenger loss at circulating door. Lettering and art-work on roller signs or side of vehicle is additional in accord with footage and requirements.

Total price of each coach, as quoted above \$11058.00

Mayor Tolson moved that this bid be referred to the Council as a whole, including the Bus Counselor, for further consideration and action at the next meeting. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett proceeded with the opening of bids for the collection and disposal of garbage as follows:

	<u>One Year Cont.</u>	<u>3-Year Cont.</u>
	<u>Cost Per Mo.</u>	<u>Cost Per Mo.</u>
(1) George M. Green, 2372 Torrance Blvd. Torrance, Calif.	\$515.00	\$490.00

Bid accompanied by Cashier's Check in the amount of \$100.00.

	<u>One Year Cont.</u> <u>Cost Per Mo.</u>	<u>3-Year Cont.</u> <u>Cost Per Mo.</u>
(2) Arthur Kazarian 8720 Third Avenue, Inglewood, Calif.	\$750.00	\$645.00
(3) F. D. Foley 3401 Spencer Street Torrance, Calif.	587.00	587.00

Councilman Powell moved that the contract for the collection and disposal of garbage, tin cans and bottles, in the City of Torrance, be awarded to George M. Green, the low bidder, for a period of one year, commencing July 1, 1944, at the flat monthly rate of \$515.00 per month. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all other bids be rejected and the checks be returned to the bidders. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Torrance Branch, American Red Cross, requesting that the building formerly occupied by the Chamber of Commerce be turned over to the American Red Cross for the duration.

Councilman Cucci advised that he had talked with Mrs. Hoover about this some time ago, and had advised her that he thought the Council would be in favor of turning this building over to the use of the Red Cross if and when the Control Center has been moved out; and he understood the Control Center had now been moved out.

In reply to inquiry, Chief Stroh advised that the telephones have been removed, but there is still considerable equipment in the building, including cots, medicine, etc., which could remain in the rear of the building.

Councilman Cucci then moved that the building formerly occupied by the Chamber of Commerce and the Control Center be turned over to the American Red Cross for their use, for the duration. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci advised that he believed the Red Cross was allowed a certain sum for the payment of rent, and suggested that this rental might be paid to the City to cover the cost of janitor service.

Mayor Tolson suggested that Councilman Cucci contact Mrs. Hoover and find out about this, and also suggested that the building be painted.

A communication was read from H. C. Callihan, Chairman, Torrance Annual Rodeo Committee, requesting the use of the Municipal Park for staging the Second Torrance Annual Rodeo on some Saturday and Sunday in the month of August, 1944; and also requesting permission to hang banners, as was done last year.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request of Mr. H. C. Callihan be granted, with the provision that he contact the City Engineer and the Chief of Police in regard to the hanging of banners. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Bernhard J. Strand, Principal of the Torrance Elementary School, thanking the Council for the truck and assistance given in the gathering of papers in their recent paper drive, during which they collected 14,840 pounds of paper, which netted the student body \$81.62. Filed for record.

A communication was read from Ralph W. Jones, 2014 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, requesting a refund of \$4.00, which he paid on

May 8, 1944 for Building Permit No. 5247, as he had abandoned the idea of erecting the building for which he had taken out the permit.

Engineer Jain advised that this permit had been issued to Mr. Jones less than sixty days ago, and recommended that the fee charged for this permit be refunded.

Councilman Cucci moved that the fee of \$4.00, which had been charged Mr. Ralph W. Jones for Building Permit No. 5247 be refunded to him. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from C. E. Easley, M. D., 234 Camino Del Campo, Hollywood Riviera, requesting permission to construct a cesspool in the parkway of Camino de Los Colinas, at the side of his property, due to the fact that it would be impossible to get a machine over the retaining wall on his property, to dig the cesspool. Dr. Easley agreed to have the cesspool lined with cement slab to protect it from caving in; and to assume all responsibility for any accident that might occur.

After some discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be referred to the City Attorney for study and recommendation to be made at the next Council meeting.

A communication was read from the Refinery Maintenance Company, requesting the use of the City's street sweeping machine and operator, on alternate Sundays; to be used in the grounds of the Shell Chemical Company at 192nd and Figueroa Streets, which is an extremely vital part of our war effort; and agreeing to pay the prevailing O.P.A. rental for this equipment, and to pay the operator time-and-a-half wages, based on the regular rate of pay received from the City.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of the Refinery Maintenance Company be granted, provided this equipment is not needed by the City. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Civil Service Board, recommending that Mrs. Valeria Worsham be reinstated to her former, or similar position in the City Clerk's office.

Filed for record.

A communication was read from Grubb and Tweedy, Accountants, requesting the opportunity to submit a proposal for conducting the audit for the City of Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be filed for future reference. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Logan R. Cotton, Accountant and Auditor, submitting his proposal for auditing the books and records of the City of Torrance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1944, as follows: A detailed audit of the accounts and records of the General Fund for a fee of \$450.00; Water Department \$300.00; Municipal Bus System \$100.00; making a total of \$850.00 for the year.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the estimate of Logan R. Cotton for auditing the books and records of the City of Torrance for the fiscal year 1944-45, for a fee of \$850.00, be accepted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, advising that the United States Government is proposing, through the Federal Works Agency, to construct a trunk line sewer along certain streets in the City of Torrance; and requesting

the City to execute an easement giving the United States the right to construct and operate this sanitary sewer line.

In reply to an inquiry from Councilman Hitchcock, Engineer Jain advised that he had the plans of this proposed trunk line in his office, and suggested that it should be stated in the contract that the City of Torrance would have the privilege of connecting to the sewer.

Mayor Tolson advised that this sewer line was being constructed as a war-time emergency and the County Sanitation District expects that this trunk line will be turned over to the Sanitation District after the war, and did not think there would be any question about permission being granted the City of Torrance to make connections to this line.

After some further discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be referred to the City Engineer for his report and recommendation at the next meeting of the Council. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, advising that Franchise Ordinances Nos. 57 and 146 will expire on July 10, 1944, and requesting a renewal of same.

Following some discussion as to whether some restrictions couldn't be placed in the Franchise regarding the operation of train service through the City, Mayor Tolson moved that this communication be turned over to the City Attorney for recommendation. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented for second and final reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 356

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CLOSING, VACATING AND ABANDONING PORTIONS OF MADRID AVENUE IN TRACT NO. 9901, EXTENDING ONE HUNDRED FEET NORTHERLY FROM THE CENTER LINE OF 203RD STREET AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH MADRID AVENUE AND ONE HUNDRED FEET SOUTHERLY FROM SAID POINT.

Councilman Cucci moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 356 be dispensed with. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci moved that Ordinance No. 356 be adopted for second and final reading. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1672

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO SET ASIDE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO A SPECIAL FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF BUSES AND ACCESSORIES.

Councilman Cucci remarked that this was the second time this resolution has been introduced, and when it was first introduced at the last meeting he had objected, as he wasn't sure that the money was available, but as he had since satisfied himself on this point, he moved that Resolution No. 1672 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1673

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUITCLAIM DEED FROM MARY KUHN, A WIDOW, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD SAME IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1673 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1674

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1184, AND ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Councilman Cucci moved that Resolution No. 1674 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1675

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PURCHASE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY.

Clerk Bartlett advised the Council that this had reference to a piece of property owned by the Standard Oil Company, on which they hold a Bond lien; that the City now has an opportunity to sell this land but that the title must be cleared first, and the Standard Oil Company has offered to give the City a clear title for the sum of \$1200.00.

Considerable discussion followed; Councilman Cucci objecting to paying the Standard Oil Company for such a quitclaim deed, claiming that it would establish a precedent.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1675 be adopted.

Councilman Powell said he would like a little more time to study the matter and suggested that action be withheld until the next meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock withdrew his motion.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1675 be referred to the Council for further study. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett advised that there were a number of contracts to be renewed for the ensuing fiscal year, and read a communication from Bernice G. Davison, of the South Bay Humane Society, requesting a renewal of her contract with the City to take care of the humane work for the coming year; and requesting an amendment to the Ordinance, increasing the pound fee from \$1.00 to \$5.00, and the daily charge for stock from 70¢ to \$1.00.

Councilman Cucci moved that the communication be referred to the Ordinance Committee for study and recommendation at the next regular meeting. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The contract with the Southern California Edison Company was presented for renewal for the ensuing fiscal year, for the furnishing of electric energy for overhead and ornamental street lighting, at the same rate as their previous contract.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the contract with the Southern California Edison Company be renewed. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A contract from the General Petroleum Corporation for the furnishing of gas and oil for the ensuing fiscal year was presented; Clerk Bartlett advising that the only change from their previous contract being an increase of one cent a gallon on both grades of gasoline; 12½¢ a gallon for regular gasoline, and 14½¢ a gallon for Ethyl gasoline.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the contract with the General Petroleum Corporation be accepted for the ensuing fiscal year. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A contract was presented from the Regional Planning Commission of Los Angeles County, for services for a period of five years commencing July 1, 1944.

Councilman Cucci moved that the Mayor be authorized to enter into a contract with the Regional Planning Commission for services for the ensuing five years. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A contract was presented from the Westinghouse Electric Company, through their agents, Two Macks, of Torrance, for the furnishing of incandescent lamps; together with a communication from the City Engineer recommending that this contract be renewed for the ensuing year.

Councilman Cucci moved that the contract with the Westinghouse Electric Company for the furnishing of incandescent lamps be renewed for the fiscal year 1944-45. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A contract was presented from Luippold Engineering Sales Company for the furnishing of ammonia and liquid chlorine for the Torrance Municipal Water District.

Councilman Cucci moved that the contract with Luippold Engineering Sales Company for the furnishing of ammonia and liquid chlorine be renewed for the ensuing fiscal year. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A contract was presented from the Los Angeles County Health Department for services for the ensuing fiscal year.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the contract with the Los Angeles County Health Department be renewed for the fiscal year 1944-45. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A contract was presented from Stone and Meyers for ambulance service for the ensuing fiscal year.

Councilman Cucci moved that the contract with Stone and Meyers for the furnishing of ambulance services for the sum of \$25.00 per month be renewed for the fiscal year 1944-45. Councilman Hitchcock

seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A contract was presented from the Torrance Herald for advertising, for the fiscal year 1944-45.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the contract be renewed. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A contract was presented from the Torrance Hospital Association for emergency aid, for the fiscal year 1944-45.

Councilman Cucci moved that the contract with the Torrance Hospital Association for the furnishing of emergency aid be renewed for the ensuing fiscal year. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett advised that the contract with the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission, for services for the ensuing year, would be coming up for renewal on July 1st.

Councilman Cucci moved that the contract with the Los Angeles Civil Service Commission for services be renewed for the ensuing fiscal year. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of \$82.50 be made, in payment of services rendered by Judge Elmo L. Morris, during the absence of Judge Otto Willett, while on vacation. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci announced that at the last Council meeting a request was received from Mr. Hershel V. Gloyne, of Wilmington, for the use of the Auditorium every Saturday for one year; and that previous to that a request had been received from some organizations in town, and after making an investigation it was Councilman Cucci's recommendation that Mr. Gloyne be granted the use of the Auditorium one Saturday out of each month, otherwise his request should be denied.

Councilman Cucci moved that Mr. Hershel V. Gloyne be granted the privilege of renting the Auditorium one Saturday in each month for dances. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci suggested that the Ordinance Committee establish a license fee for the use of the Auditorium, which would provide for one night engagements; he said that at the present time the fee is \$24.00 per annum, and there is no provision for short time engagements. Following some discussion, Councilman Cucci moved that the matter be referred to the Ordinance Committee, to be brought up at the next regular meeting. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci stated that at the last meeting he had inquired about legislation relative to the taking of a special census, and asked Attorney McCall if he was prepared to give a report on this matter.

Attorney McCall advised that he had prepared a report on the matter but through an oversight had left it in his Los Angeles office, and promised to present it at the next meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to employ a temporary painter at a salary of \$1.23 per hour, which is the prevailing wage paid by the County of Los Angeles. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that Mrs. Lee had made a request for firewood for the Girl Scouts, for cooking purposes, for a period of two weeks, while camping in the Municipal Park; and moved that this request be granted, and the Street Department authorized to furnish the wood from the City Yard. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that he had been advised by the City Engineer that residents on Cabrillo Avenue, south of Carson Street, have requested that heavy trucking be prohibited on this street; and that residents on Border Avenue, south of Plaza del Amo, had also requested that heavy trucking be prohibited on that Street.

Following a short discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be referred to the Council as a whole for further study. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock advised that the City Engineer had requested authority to have the State Highway Testing Laboratory make tests of decomposed granite sub-base material for the Crenshaw Boulevard improvement project, and moved that this request be granted. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock advised that the City Engineer had requested authority to have the State Highway Inspector check asphaltic surfacing materials at the Contractor's plant for the Crenshaw Boulevard job, and moved that this request be granted. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that it would be necessary for the City to make a deposit, in advance, to cover the costs incurred by the State Highway Inspector in making these tests of asphaltic surfacing materials; and that any unused portion of such deposit would be refunded to the City.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to make the necessary deposit with the State, in advance, to cover the cost of making these tests, as requested. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to rent a motor patrol grader from the City of Redondo Beach, for road construction work as needed, at the prevailing rental rate; stating that the City's grader was laid up for repairs. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that he had been advised by the City Engineer that certain employees in the Street and Park Departments have requested permission to work on Saturday, July 1st, and to lay off on Monday, July 3rd, in order to have a three day holiday.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the men who wanted to work on Saturday be paid time-and-a-half for the Saturday work, and be allowed to lay off on Monday, July 3rd.

Councilman Powell stated, if the work was needed it would be in order to pay them time-and-a-half, but not just at the convenience of the men; stating further, that they are working under Civil Service Rules and they expect us to abide by these Rules and we should expect them to also abide by them.

After some further discussion, Councilman Hitchcock withdrew his motion, and offered a new motion that the request of the City Engineer that the employees in the Street and Park Departments be permitted to work Saturday and lay off Monday be denied. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert advised that he had received a recommendation from the Park Superintendent requesting an adjustment of \$10.00 per month in the salaries of John Waugh and Frank Cook; and moved that this request be granted, and the salaries of John Waugh and Frank Cook be increased \$10.00 per month, effective June 16, 1944. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$59.00 be authorized for the painting of six flagpoles on the various City Buildings, and at the Parks, including the aerial at the Police Station. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that the salary of Virgil H. Plunkett, Bus Driver, be increased to \$185.00 per month, effective June 28, 1944; stating that he had been advised by Mr. Ward that Mr. Plunkett had completed six months service with the City. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson asked Engineer Jain if he was prepared to report on the paving of alleys. Engineer Jain replied that it was now permissible to use road materials for the paving of alleys, providing the cost of the material does not exceed \$5000.00 for any one street or alley.

Mayor Tolson stated that this would be taken up further at the next meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Robert McCallum inquired if a communication had been received from the Torrance Rotary Club.

Councilman Cucci advised that the Rotary Club desired to use the rear portion of the Auditorium, in which to hold their regular weekly meetings, until other accommodations could be secured, as they could no longer use the Women's Club Building, since it had been turned over to the U.S.O.

Clerk Bartlett advised that a communication had been received from the Rotary Club, which he proceeded to read, wherein the Rotary Club requested permission to use the rear portion of the Auditorium on Thursday evening of each week until further notice.

Councilman Cucci moved that the request of the Rotary Club be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Jesse Crowther, 24458 Park Street, WALTERIA, addressed the Council in regard to a Torrance Baseball Team; and advised that there was a girls team, which called themselves a "Torrance" team, and suggested that the Council show their appreciation by furnishing them with uniforms, or a jacket with "Torrance" on it. He also suggested that an adequate loud-speaker system be installed at the ball park to make these games more interesting.

Councilman Gilbert expressed the opinion that this matter should be given some consideration.

Mr. Riley, Superintendent of Recreation, advised the Council that there is a twelve-team league playing at the Park at the present time, and that all the teams but one represent local industrial concerns; also that they have a loud speaker in use at the Park.

Engineer Jain stated that some time past he made a request that the various departments, other than the Police and Fire Departments, be permitted to use Ethyl gasoline; stating that a lot of man-power and efficiency is being lost by not being allowed to use Ethyl gasoline.

Mayor Tolson remarked that all the transportation companies have switched to Ethyl gasoline as it does give better results.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to use Ethyl gasoline for a period of sixty days on all City equipment, in order to give it a trial.

Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. C. Z. Ward extended an invitation to the Mayor and City Council to attend the opening of the U.S.O., at the Torrance Womens' Clubhouse, on Saturday, July 1, 1944, between the hours of 7:00 and 8:00 o'clock, P.M.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mrs. Alcalá, 2229 - 203rd Street reported on the progress being made toward getting signatures and contributions for the installation of a sewer system on 203rd Street; stating that they now have over \$1000.00 on deposit for this purpose, and stated that they would like to get this project started as soon as possible.

Following a short discussion, the Mayor suggested that Mrs. Alcalá bring the petition in to the City Attorney's office in the morning and that the City Attorney and City Engineer would give her all the assistance they could.

At 9:45 P.M., on motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Powell, the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, July 5th, at 7:45 P.M.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE