

Torrance, California
April 10, 1945

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, April 10, 1945 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Deputy Clerk Hallanger 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 Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held March 27, 1945 be approved as written. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Clerk Hallanger presented a recommendation from City Attorney McCall, Water Superintendent Stanger, and Architect G. W. Kalionzes that the contract for construction of a warehouse for the Municipal Water District No. 1, for which bids were received and opened at the March 27, 1945 meeting, be awarded to Oppert and Forsberg, the low bidder.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the contract for construction of a warehouse for the Municipal Water District No. 1 be awarded to Oppert and Forsberg, 3861 West Vernon Avenue, Los Angeles, said firm having presented a bid in the amount of \$6852.00, and that all other bids submitted for this job be rejected and checks ordered returned. 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 Gertrude Schreiber, 2070 233rd Street, requesting that some effort be made to eliminate the hazard which exists in the form of an abandoned oil derrick located on the south side of 233rd Street between Narbonne and Eshelman Avenues.

Engineer Jain reported that several requests directed to the owner of the derrick to either repair it and place it in a safe condition, or remove it, had been ignored, and recommended that the derrick be condemned.

Councilman Powell moved that the matter be referred to the City Engineer and the City Attorney, with the authorization to take whatever steps are necessary to eliminate the hazard which this abandoned derrick presents, and that, if it is necessary to condemn the derrick in order to accomplish this, condemnation proceedings be instituted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Arthur L. Barnett, Scoutmaster, expressing appreciation for cooperation extended Troop 217 in helping dispose of salvage paper collected by the troop, and requesting use of a truck to haul papers to the Independent Paper Stock Company at Long Beach following a jamboree to be held April 20, 1945 in the Civic Auditorium, newspapers and magazines to be the medium of admission to the jamboree, thereby netting considerable paper.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request be referred to Mr. Ralph Perkins, Street Superintendent, for action. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Carl T. Nordquist, President, The Dow Recreation Clubs, Dow Chemical Company, requesting permission to rent the hall and kitchen of the Civic Auditorium for a dance on the evening of May 12, 1945.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be referred to the Chairman of the Building Committee for action. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Annual Rodeo Committee, requesting use of the Municipal Ball Park grounds on July 4, 1945 for the Third Annual Rodeo, and use of the Civic Auditorium on the evening of July 4, 1945 for a dance following the rodeo.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request be referred to Mr. Dale Riley, Superintendent of the Recreation Department, for recommendation. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion.

Mr. Riley, who was in the assemblage, reported that he had been contacted by the Rodeo Committee, and recommended that the request for use of the Ball Park grounds be granted.

Councilmen Gilbert and Hitchcock withdrew their motion and second respectively.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request of the Torrance Annual Rodeo Committee for use of the Municipal Ball Park grounds on July 4, 1945, for the holding of the Torrance Third Annual

Rodeo, and for use of the Civic Auditorium on the same evening for the holding of a dance following the rodeo, be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J. W. Alford, City Taxi Company, applying for a franchise from the City of Torrance to operate a taxi service throughout the city on an exclusive basis. Councilman Powell moved that the communication be referred to the entire Council for further study and consideration. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Clifford McCollum, 23001 Eshelman Avenue, applying for a license for a riding academy.

Councilman Cucci moved that the communication be referred to the Planning Commission for recommendation. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Acting Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission, advising that, at a regular meeting of the Commission held April 3, 1945, after hearing protests on the proposed rubbish dump in the abandoned Graham Brothers gravel pit, near Waltheria, a motion had been made, seconded and carried that the City Council be advised that Land Use Ordinance No. 316 had been violated in granting a permit to Mr. Cassidy for the proposed rubbish dump; that the Council be requested to rescind its action taken at the March 27, 1945 meeting, and refer the petition for a rubbish dump to the Planning Commission for study.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that, in view of the fact that Mr. Cassidy had advised that he does not wish to establish the dump at this time, the action taken by the City Council at a regular meeting held March 27, 1945 to grant him a permit to establish a dump on the Weston property be rescinded, and that Mr. Cassidy be notified that the permit has been revoked by this action. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell said he recalled having asked Engineer Jain, who is also Acting Secretary of the Planning Commission, about the zoning restrictions at the time the dump question was being debated, to which Engineer Jain replied that he had no recollection of same.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, enclosing certified copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 27, 1945 declaring a portion of Catalina Avenue (Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway) in the City of Torrance, no longer a part of the County System of Highways.

Engineer Jain advised that the customary procedure would be to accept this street by resolution.

The resolution was adopted by number, being:

RESOLUTION NO. 1715

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING RESOLUTION
FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS DATED MARCH 27, 1945 DECLAR-
ING A PORTION OF CATALINA AVENUE (HOLLY-
WOOD-PALOS VERDES PARKWAY) NO LONGER A
PART OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1715 be adopted. 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 communication was read from the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, signed by Arol Burns, Land Agent, advising that, in response to Mr. Riley's letter of April 4, 1945, inquiring as to the proper procedure in connection with the leasing of the old Fern Avenue School Site Annex in Torrance for recreational purposes, if a representative of the City confers with the writer

relative to terms and conditions of a proposed lease, the proper procedure will be initiated offering said property for lease.

Mr. Riley's communication addressed to the Board of Education relative to the lease was also read, the property in question being listed as Lots 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 11, Tract 4070 and Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, Tract 10115.

Mr. Riley addressed the Council verbally, stating that the City of Torrance will be required to bear the expense of the necessary advertising, the Board of Education having advised that the resolution which will be passed offering the property for lease must be published in a newspaper of general circulation once a week for three successive weeks, after which bids will be taken by the Board of Education. Mr. Riley stated that, in all probability, the bid to be submitted by the City will be the only bid received.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Attorney be authorized to begin negotiations with the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles for lease by the City of Torrance of the above mentioned lots for recreation purposes, and that the City of Torrance agree to the payment of cost of publication of the resolution offering said property for lease, this being one of the necessary steps involved. 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 the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, requesting permission to park the school bus in the City Yard from approximately 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M., and all day and night on Saturdays, Sundays and school holidays. Certain terms and conditions in connection with this matter were given, and it was stated that the Board of Education will prepare the necessary agreement for execution by the City of Torrance and officials of the Board of Education.

Engineer Jain advised that he felt room could be made for the one bus on a temporary arrangement.

Councilman Cucci moved that the request of the Board of Education be granted on a temporary basis, so long as the City of Torrance assumes no liability whatsoever for any loss or damage which might arise. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the National Recreation Association, signed by George W. Braden, Western Representative, requesting an expression of opinion regarding a bill pending before Congress, known as HR-5, being to create a permanent office of Community Recreation Services in the Federal Security Agency.

Statements issued by the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreational Board of Phoenix, the Recreation Commission of Santa Barbara, and the Mayor of the City of Piedmont were attached, all opposing HR-5.

Councilman Cucci moved that, inasmuch as the Council is not familiar with the bill, it be referred to the entire Council for study and report at the next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the War Manpower Commission, enclosing two copies of report of a Follow-Up Survey on Torrance, Local Area Lack of Public Transportation, made by the War Manpower Commission. It was requested that receipt of the report be acknowledged, together with any comments thought necessary.

Councilman Cucci moved that this report and communication be referred to the Manager of the Bus Department for study and recommendation to the Council. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion.

Councilman Powell suggested referring the matter to the Council for study.

Councilman Cucci and Hitchcock withdrew their motion and second respectively.

Councilman Cucci moved that the communication and report be referred to the entire Council for study, and that a copy of the report be forwarded to Mr. Ward, Manager of the Bus Lines. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read, signed by J. H. Stroh, C. Z. Ward, and W. H. Stanger, Committee, requesting that some action be taken at the April 10, 1945 meeting relative to the State Retirement System question, the result of an election of City Employees held to determine how many wished to join the System having been presented to the City Council on February 27, 1945.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this communication be referred to the Council for further study. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Several questions arose for debate at this time relative to procedure. Councilman Cucci asked whether or not there is a time limit between Council actions in regard to this matter, Attorney McCall answering in the affirmative.

Chief Stroh advised that the survey made by the State for the City in relation to the matter will be void after July 1, 1945.

The basic question involved appeared to be whether (1) the proposition should be submitted to the electorate, or (2) whether the City Council should adopt the Retirement Plan by a 4/5 vote, by ordinance.

Councilman Gilbert said he would not favor the last method mentioned, inasmuch as succeeding councils could, if desired, repeal the action of the Council in entering into the System. He pointed out that, as there will be an election next year (1946), the proposition could be put on the ballot at that time.

Councilman Powell suggested that a meeting be held for a discussion of all phases of this question, to which Councilman Hitchcock replied that he would be agreeable to including that in his motion.

Mayor Tolson pointed out that this question is one of considerable importance, and that he would not personally favor entering into the plan by ordinance because of the responsibility involved in any action of this kind affecting all city employees financially.

Councilman Cucci said he would favor calling a meeting at an early date, representatives of city employees to be invited, and also that someone in a position to furnish the city exact figures as to cost be in attendance at the meeting.

In opinions expressed by various members of the City Council, it was established that the Council favors offering City Employees some type of security in the form of a pension, but that it is also the sincere desire of the Council to give to the employees something they favor.

After some further discussion, Councilman Cucci suggested that Chief Stroh be delegated to arrange a meeting inviting representatives of the City employees, and someone to explain to the Council the exact cost to the City of entering into the plan.

Councilman Gilbert suggested also that Chief Stroh ascertain what the cost to the City will be for a re-survey in the event the time allotted under the present survey expires before definite action is decided upon.

It was suggested that the City Auditor be invited to attend the meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Chief of Police be authorized to arrange a meeting for an early date, inviting representatives of the City Employees, the City Auditor, and someone who can explain to the Council the exact cost to the City for entrance into the State Retirement System, the City Council to be in attendance at the meeting. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Deputy Clerk Hallanger presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1716

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE, ACCEPTING
BIDS FOR CERTAIN TAX DEEDED LANDS
IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

(Lot 22, Block 88, Torrance Tract).

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1716 be adopted. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Gucci. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Regarding a petition which was read at the March 27, 1945 Regular Meeting requesting a two hour parking restriction in a certain area, a report was read from Chief of Police Stroh, recommending that Cravens Avenue from Cabrillo Avenue north to Gramercy Avenue be designated and posted as a two-hour parking Zone C.

Councilman Powell moved that the recommendation as submitted by the Chief of Police be concurred in. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

In connection with a request received and read at the March 27, 1945 Regular Meeting from Crill Crawford, requesting that the curb directly in front of 1637 Cabrillo Avenue and 1405 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sartori Avenue be painted as parking places for his taxicabs, a report was read from Chief of Police Stroh recommending that the City of Torrance refund Mr. Crill Crawford's license fee paid for operation of taxicab service, inasmuch as the Office of Defense Transportation had advised that said office will not give Mr. Crawford a permit to operate taxicabs in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the recommendation of the Chief of Police be concurred in, and that the business license paid by Crill Crawford for taxicab service in the City of Torrance be refunded. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A report was read from Chief of Police Stroh regarding a request received and read at the March 27, 1945 meeting from Thomas A. and Elizabeth I. Bowker for permits to operate a taxi service in the City. Chief Stroh advised that Elizabeth I. Bowker had contacted him and advised that she cannot obtain an Office of Defense Transportation permit unless assurance is given first that the City Council will grant permission to operate in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Gilbert stated that, inasmuch as the Office of Defense Transportation had rejected the application of Crill Crawford, it is not likely that a permit will be granted to Thomas A. and Elizabeth I. Bowker.

Councilman Powell moved that the request of Thomas A. and Elizabeth I. Bowker for permits to operate a taxi service in the City of Torrance be refused, and permits denied. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Regarding an application received from Calvin Clark, which application was read at the March 27, 1945 meeting, for a license to operate a dairy at 17580 Arlington Avenue, a report was read from Engineer Glenn M. Jain, recommending that the license be granted, inasmuch as the applicant declares that he does not plan to expand on additional property, other than that which has previously been used for a dairy.

Councilman Powell asked whether or not the location is in the proper zone for dairies, Engineer Jain's reply being in the affirmative.

Councilman Powell moved that Engineer Jain's recommendation be concurred in, and that a license be granted to Calvin Clark for operation of a dairy at 17580 Arlington Avenue. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Regarding a petition received and read at the March 27, 1945 meeting requesting removal of the eucalyptus trees on the south-east side of the parkway on El Prado Street, Mr. Fred Blake, Park Superintendent, reported orally that a recommendation from the Planning Commission is being awaited.

Councilman Cucci stated that he had discussed with Mr. Ward the question of setting up a separate maintenance department for the Municipal Bus Lines, and that he and Mr. Ward were both of the opinion that it would be advisable to do so, and moved that this be done, with the provision that the Bus Maintenance Department be allowed access to tools and equipment housed in the general City Garage.

Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion.

Councilman Powell said he felt that definite plans should be made to set up a garage maintenance department for the busses entirely independent of the City Garage, and that the Bus Department purchase necessary tools and equipment in order that neither the general City Garage or the Bus Department will be inconvenienced during times when both departments need the same equipment, the jobs of each being equally important.

Councilman Gilbert suggested that the records be checked to determine which tools and pieces of equipment in the City Garage belong to other City departments, and which belong to the Bus Department.

Engineer Jain advised that he had already requested Mr. Paul Slonecker, Bus Maintenance Foreman, and Mr. Herman Pickett, City Mechanic, to make an inventory of all equipment and tools on hand at the present time.

Councilman Cucci said that, in connection with Mr. Ward's recommendation that the City Council request the Civil Service Board establish the following classifications: Bus Maintenance Foreman; Bus Mechanic, Grade A; Bus Mechanic, Grade B; and Bus Mechanic's Helper, he would recommend submitting the recommendation to the Civil Service Board.

A vote was taken on the motion made by Councilman Cucci, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, that a separate Bus Maintenance Department be established, with the provision that the Bus Department be allowed use of the City general garage tools and equipment, effect of the motion being a complete separation of the City general Garage Department and the Bus Maintenance Department, which motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci moved that the recommendation made by Mr. Ward, Manager of the Municipal Bus Lines, that the following classifications be established for the Bus Lines: Bus Maintenance Foreman; Bus Mechanic, Grade A; Bus Mechanic, Grade B; and Bus Mechanic's Helper, be submitted to the Civil Service Board. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that G. L. Enfield be employed as a Patrolman, Police Department, at a salary of \$170.00 per month, effective April 1, 1945, to replace L. M. Stroh, resigned. 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 L. J. Beal be employed as a Patrolman, Police Department, at a salary of \$170.00 per month, effective April 1, 1945, to replace M. Schumacher. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell reported that he had not as yet had an opportunity to investigate regarding a communication read at the last Regular Meeting from George D. Ellingson, requesting that an investigation be made of the circumstances regarding issuance by a Torrance Police officer of a traffic ticket which resulted in what Mr. Ellingson alleged to be an unjust levy against him by the Torrance City Court of a \$2.00 fine, and which was at that time referred to the Police Commission, Councilman Powell added that he will endeavor to have a report for the next meeting.

Councilman Powell read a recommendation from the Chief of Police that two extra hours pay per month be authorized for members of the Police Department for attendance of the officers at police school. Chief Stroh stating that this will perhaps encourage them to attend the school and receive the valuable training.

Councilman Powell moved that extra pay be authorized for members of the Police Department for the time the officers expend attending police school. 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 Powell read a communication from Chief of Police Stroh, stating that a demonstration of tear gas will be staged April 13, 1945, 1:00 P.M. at the Torrance Pistol range, and inviting the Council to witness the demonstration.

Councilman Cucci moved that an appropriation of \$275.00, plus tax, be made for 50 No. 12, 8" base Street Light Bowls for Walteria and Hollywood Riviera, for the Electrical Department. 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 Cucci moved that Durward L. Bollin be employed, on a temporary basis, as a bus operator, at a salary of \$185.00 per month effective March 31, 1945, to replace Thomas L. Hubbard. 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 Cucci read a communication from Mr. Ward, Manager, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, advising that the Crown Body and Coach Corporation has contacted the City several times regarding payment of the last new bus. Mr. Ward said his estimate of the amount necessary to make adjustments on the busses is \$1,000.00, each bus, and added that Mr. McCall, City Attorney, had suggested withholding \$4,000.00, amount necessary to make adjustments on the four busses purchased, instead of withholding payment of the entire amount of the bus as has been done. Therefore, Mr. Ward recommended that the payment of \$11,283.00 less \$4,000.00, or \$7,283.00, be made.

Councilman Cucci moved that Crown Body and Coach Corporation be paid \$7,283.00, representing difference between purchase price, \$11,283.00, of the last new bus, less \$4,000.00, estimated amount necessary for adjustments to the four busses purchased from said company. 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.

Mayor Tolson asked whether or not the fact that the entire amount of the bill is not paid will effect the City's right to legally hold a claim against the company for the adjustments referred to. Attorney McCall said he did not think this would apply in this case.

Councilman Cucci read a communication from James Brodie, City Custodian, in which Mr. Brodie advised that cost of tiling both rest rooms in the Civic Auditorium, which have suffered destruction to some extent, is \$2390.00, and suggested replastering and repainting the men's restroom. He further suggested hiring extra help on dance and show nights to watch the building.

Councilman Cucci moved that the City Engineer be authorized to investigate the matter of the repair work necessary to the rest rooms and proceed with whatever work is necessary to place them in a suitable condition, with as little expense as possible. 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.

Regarding the second request for additional help, Councilman Cucci requested further time for study of the matter.

Councilman Cucci moved that Mr. Arthur B. Cameron be transferred from the Street Department to the Bus Department at the same salary he now receives, \$225.00 per month, this being in concurrence with a recommendation of Mr. Ward, and being agreeable to Mr. Cameron. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci stated that Mr. Ward had also recommended that Mr. Coleman be classed as a "Grade B Mechanic" at a salary of \$210.00 per month, to be paid entirely from Bus Department funds. He asked for further time for consideration of this recommendation.

Councilman Cucci moved that an appropriation of \$225.00 be made for painting Bus #106, Municipal Bus Lines. 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 moved that an appropriation of \$155.65 be made for 1985 gallons bitumuls for the Street Department, from American Bitumuls Company. 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 moved that an appropriation of \$390.78 be made, payable to the County of Los Angeles, for painting traffic stripes on Torrance Boulevard, Arlington Avenue, Abalone Avenue and Plaza del Amo, east of Cabrillo Avenue. 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 moved that an appropriation of \$750.00 be made for road material for resurfacing 168th Street and Cherry Avenue, from Yukon Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard. 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 moved that the salary of the Chief Mechanic, Herman Pickett, be adjusted from \$245.00 per month to \$250.00 per month. 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 Gilbert moved that an appropriation of \$125.00 be made for asphaltic plant mix for the driveway into the Municipal Park. 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 Gilbert moved that an appropriation of \$140.00 plus tax, be made for 350 feet 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " water pipe for the Walteria Park. 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 Gilbert moved that the employment of Casper Clemmer and John Fess (Firemen), beginning April 9, 1945, on a temporary, part-time basis, be authorized, to replace Sam Estes and Gerald Bliss, who will be on leaves of absence until approximately June 1, 1945; these firemen to be employed at the regular rate for Park Maintenance Men, \$170.00 per month. 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 Gilbert read a communication from Dale Riley, Superintendent of Recreation, in which Mr. Riley advised that the local Model Racing Car Club has an opportunity of holding the National Racing Meet here in June, and recommended that \$75.00 be appropriated for improving the track at Plaza del Amo to accommodate this meet.

Councilman Gilbert moved that \$75.00 be appropriated for improving the track as recommended by Mr. Riley. 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 Gilbert moved that, in compliance with a recommendation from Dale Riley, Superintendent of Recreation, the temporary employment of Bob Fulton as a laborer, Recreation Department, be authorized, at a salary of \$170.00 per month, effective April 2, 1945. 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 Gilbert read a communication from Dale Riley, Superintendent of Recreation, requesting an appropriation of \$2500.00 for the construction of a recreation building in the WALTERIA Park.

Councilman Gilbert moved that \$2500.00 be appropriated for a building in the WALTERIA Park as recommended by Mr. Riley.

Mayor Tolson asked whether or not this estimate included wiring, plumbing and completion of the building. Engineer Jain advised that this figure does include the complete building, with the exception that the interior will be left unfinished, except the restrooms, which will be finished completely.

Councilman Hitchcock asked whether or not it is necessary to call for bids for this job, Attorney McCall replying in the affirmative.

Councilman Gilbert repeated his motion that \$2500.00 be appropriated for a recreation building in the WALTERIA Park, as recommended by Mr. Riley, and in accordance with plans drawn by the City Engineer, and that the City Engineer be authorized to advertise for bids for the job. 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 Gilbert moved that Mrs. Winifred Ruppel and Mr. Ted Myers be appointed as members of the Recreation Commission, replacing Mrs. M. J. Edwards and Robert Lewellen. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell read a communication from State, County and Municipal Workers of America, Local 360, signed by C. C. Clemmer, Acting Recording Secretary, and Joel Hagberg, President, asking the Council to request Fire Chief J. E. McMaster to meet with the Executive Board of the local on the George Strong discharge case.

Councilman Powell stated that, in connection with this case, Chief J. E. McMaster had informed him of the charges upon which Mr. Strong was discharged, and that the charges had met with the approval of him (Councilman Powell). He stated further that

Mr. Strong was a War Emergency employee only, with no civil service standing, and that Chief McMaster has the authority, if there is sufficient cause, to remove an employee. He said that Mr. Strong is no doubt entitled to the protection of his local union, and that, if agreeable, he would move that the matter be referred to the entire Council for further investigation.

Councilman Cucci remarked that he could see nothing unreasonable about the request of the local that Chief McMaster meet with them.

Councilman Powell informed Councilman Cucci that if he (Councilman Cucci) desires to talk further with Chief McMaster, it is his privilege to do so, but that he, Councilman Powell, would not instruct Chief McMaster to meet with the union, as he felt that Chief McMaster has the privilege of either granting or refusing the request.

Councilman Cucci replied that he did not intend asking Councilman Powell to instruct Chief McMaster to comply with the request, but that he (Councilman Cucci) did feel it to be a reasonable request.

There was no second to Councilman Powell's motion.

Mayor Tolson asked for a report relative to the request received from the Torrance Softball League for use of the Torrance City Baseball Park and a minimum of sixteen lights, without charge, for the 1945 Torrance Industrial Softball League.

Mr. Dale Riley, Superintendent of Recreation, stated that he wished to make a correction relative to the request for lights, advising that the request should have been made for a maximum instead of a minimum of sixteen lights. He said that a letter will probably be presented at the next meeting relative to this subject, which will allow sufficient time for action before opening of the tournament.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$82.00 be made for painting the flagpoles and aerials on all City buildings. 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 presented a letter, which was read by Deputy Clerk Hallanger, from Engineer Jain relative to the adoption of a Table of Building Valuation Data, prepared by Marshall and Stevens, valuation engineer, for the purpose of aiding building departments in establishing uniform valuation on buildings of various types for building permit purposes.

Some members of the Council requested additional time for study of the matter, at which time Engineer Jain advised that it had been presented to the Council at a January, 1945 meeting and has been pending since that date. Reference to Mr. Jain's letter indicated that it was written January 18, 1945.

It was recommended in the communication that the Data be adopted by resolution.

After a short discussion, it was decided to adopt the Table of Building Valuation Data as recommended by Engineer Jain, the resolution relative to it being:

RESOLUTION NO. 1717

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE, ESTABLISHING
UNIFORM BUILDING VALUATION DATA
FOR BUILDING PERMIT PURPOSES.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1717 be adopted. 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.

Mrs. James Loughridge said she would like to defend Engineer Jain relative to the dump question, stating that, so far as the permit having been granted in violation of the zoning ordinance, she felt the City Attorney should have informed the Council that the action was out of order.

Mayor Tolson advised that the fault is not being placed with any particular person.

Councilman Gilbert moved all bills properly audited be paid. 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.

At 9:45 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Cucci, seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE