

Torrance, California
May 8, 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, May 8, 1945 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 Powell moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held April 24, 1945 and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held May 2, 1945, be approved as written. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Associated Oil Company, reporting that, for the twelve months preceding April 30, 1945, no receipts or earnings were collected or received by said company from the transportation of oil through any part of the system for the construction and operation of which Franchise Ordinance No. 1014 of the County of Los Angeles is granted. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Torrance Annual Rodeo Committee, signed by H. C. Gallihan, Chairman, requesting the Council to furnish the park with 3,000 seats at a rental of 19¢ per seat to accommodate spectators for the rodeo scheduled for July 4, 1945.

Councilman Powell moved that the communication be referred to the entire City Council for further discussion and report at the next meeting. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from The American Legion, requesting that necessary overhauling and repairing of the ball park lighting fixtures for night baseball be authorized, the Council having formerly granted use of the Ball Park to the Post for the purpose of holding a State Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request be referred to Dale Riley, Superintendent of Recreation, for recommendation to the Council. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Bernice G. Davison, Poundmaster, requesting that the City Council amend the ordinance relative to impounding of animals by adopting a working ordinance to supersede the State Law. Mrs. Davison stated that a new State Law has been enacted in connection with impounding of stock and cattle which promises to work a great hardship on poundmasters. She said that a working ordinance enacted by a City is recognized by the State.

She requested further that the provision for licensing of kennels be revised, and that kennels be designated as places with adequate kennels and fences to properly confine the dogs.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draft an ordinance in compliance with Mrs. Davison's request, the ordinance to be presented at the next Council meeting. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Associated Assessment Engineers, enclosing copy of a report which that firm is making to the County of Los Angeles concerning the progress had under Option Agreement #167 between the County and the City of Torrance. It was pointed out that this report is in no sense a complete report of all tax deeded lands operations in the City of Torrance, since the results of previous options have already been reported to the City.

It was suggested that, of the 52 parcels of land left to be sold under the above-mentioned agreement, 51 of them be advertised for sale at public auction, to be conveyed by quitclaim deed only, and thus conclude, if possible, this option agreement with the County.

It was stated that a display advertisement which Associated Assessment Engineers has prepared can be published for approximately \$24.00 per insertion, and recommended that, if the above named plan meets with the approval of the Council, the City Clerk be authorized to place said advertising in the newspaper for at least one, if not two, insertions, the suggested sale date being June 5, 1945.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the plan outlined by the Associated Assessment Engineers be approved, and the City Clerk authorized to place the display advertisement of the public auction in the newspaper for two insertions. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucchi, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Dr. L. M. Ellinwood, 2424 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, protesting the inclusion of the Ellinwood ranch, consisting of about 960 acres, in the proposed new water district for Walteria.

Dr. Ellinwood related in detail his reasons for submitting this protest.

Councilman Cucchi moved that the communication be acknowledged, and held in abeyance, Dr. Ellinwood to be assured that he will be notified as to the time protests will be heard in connection with the water proposal, to allow him to enter his protest at that time, either personally, or through this communication. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication addressed to the Torrance Municipal Water District #1 was read from Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company, acknowledging receipt of Check No. 5680 in the amount of \$800.00, payable to Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company, and tendered as balance in full for the water lines mentioned in lease agreement of December 20, 1937.

The following documents were enclosed:

(1) Original of bill of sale, dated March 31, 1945, conveying title in accordance with the above agreement. It was stated that, although there is no necessity to record this document, no objection will be made to doing so.

(2) Original of deed of easement to the City of Torrance conveying the right to maintain said pipe lines in their present locations, and also acknowledging the ownership in the City of the sewer lines which were placed in the streets at the same time the water mains were laid. It was stated that this document should go on record without delay.

Clerk Bartlett stated that a Resolution should be adopted authorizing recording of the latter document.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the City Attorney for recommendation and action. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, applying for a franchise for trackage to serve the Navy Storage Base to be constructed in the City of Torrance. The original, with one counterpart, of an application requesting authority from the City of Torrance to construct a track across

Arlington Avenue and across the alley in Tract No. 3757 and the alley in Tract No. 3758, was enclosed. It was stated that any expense involved in this transaction will be paid by the Railway Company, and urged an early reply on behalf of the Navy Department.

A short discussion ensued, Engineer Jain presenting a sketch of the proposed work, which Councilman Cucci studied. Councilman Cucci said his only objection would be to the switching on Arlington Avenue, although, he said, he realized the importance of having the trackage. He said he would favor contacting the Railway Company and determining whether or not the switching can be changed to some other street than Arlington Avenue. Engineer Jain said his only objection would be that they might leave box cars standing near the City Park.

Councilman Cucci moved that the communication be referred to Engineer Jain for investigation to determine whether or not the Railway Company would agree to some other street than Arlington Avenue for the switching, and that, if this could not be arranged, Mr. Jain endeavor to work out something suitable and report his recommendations to the Council.

Councilman Hitchcock suggested that an adjourned meeting be held about one week from now for action on this matter.

Councilman Cucci withdrew his above motion and moved that the communication from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company be referred to the City Engineer for investigation and report at an adjourned meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting an easement to close Oak Street between the present factory site of International Derrick and Equipment Company and the property bordered by Carson Street on the north, Monterey Street (projected) on the south, Crenshaw Boulevard on the west, and International Derrick and Equipment Company's holdings on the east, to permit the extension to the west of that company's present buildings and additional contemplated buildings to facilitate the increased manufacturing program of the company.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be referred to the City Engineer and City Attorney for report at the adjourned meeting as to procedure. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting that Crenshaw Boulevard between Sepulveda Boulevard and Carson Street be resurfaced, stating that this will contribute to the efficient operation of the U.S. Navy Redistribution and Salvage Depot which will be ready for operation in the very near future.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be requested to submit an estimate of the cost of resurfacing Crenshaw Boulevard, between Sepulveda Boulevard and Carson Street, at the next meeting. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting the privilege of endorsing the plan to plant cocas pamosa palms in the business district, six to each block, as advanced by the Superintendent of the Park Department, Fred Blake.

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

A communication was read from Winifred P. Watson, Secretary, Torrance Recreation Commission, advising that, at a meeting held by the Commission, it was decided to recommend that the proposed building for the Walteria Park be of the Spanish type.

It was pointed out that two types of buildings had been under consideration, and that this represents a choice between the two.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the recommendation of the Recreation Commission that the new building for the Walteria Park be of the Spanish type be approved. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board, referring to action taken April 24, 1945 by the City Council in requesting the Civil Service Board to call for an examination for the position of "Police Matron". It was stated that, after discussion by members of the Civil Service Board at a meeting held May 2, 1945, it had been recommended by the Board that this be made a combination position of "Police Secretary and Matron" on a full-time basis.

It was requested that the Council advise regarding amount of salary to be paid for the job, and advise whether the job should be a full-time or part-time position.

Councilman Powell moved that this matter be referred to the Council for study and report at the next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from City Engineer Glenn M. Jain, advising that he had received from the City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles a copy of a report of the meeting held between the Public Works and State, County and Federal Affairs Committee, and the Los Angeles City Council, held May 3, 1945, in regard to the report of the City Engineer of Los Angeles relative to the request of the City of Torrance that rights of way be secured for the opening and widening of Western Avenue to a width of 100 feet throughout its length, between 182nd Street and 260th Street, which portion lies in both the City of Los Angeles and the City of Torrance.

It was stated that the Committee approved of the acquisition of rights of way, and made certain recommendations, which Engineer Jain related in detail.

It was the recommendation of Engineer Jain that the Council authorize the City Engineer to acknowledge this approved report and request the City of Los Angeles to proceed in conformity with said report.

Engineer Jain pointed out that the action recommended does not involve expenditure of any funds at this time, but is for the sole purpose of establishing the method to be followed.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to acknowledge the approved report and request the City of Los Angeles to proceed in conformity with said report. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, recommending that the rest rooms in the proposed Walteria Recreation Building be lined to a height of six feet with a high grade, porcelain tile of attractive design, at an estimated cost of \$650.00, over and above the original estimate for this building.

It was further recommended that the balance of the rest rooms be plastered with a hard, sanded finish, cement plaster, on metal lath, rather than the interior plaster which was included in the original estimate for the building.

It was stated that specifications are being prepared for this building based on alternate methods in order to get a comparative price, which method can be decided upon at the time of awarding the contract.

Engineer Jain addressed the Council verbally, inquiring whether or not, since a Spanish type of building has been selected, it is desired to put a tile roof on the building at the time it is first built, or put on an ordinary shingle roof and add the tile at a later date when the balance of the buildings are constructed.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Engineer be authorized to include in the plans for the proposed Walteria Recreation Building (1) tiling of the rest rooms to a height of six feet, at an estimated cost of \$650.00, (2) plastering of the balance of the rest rooms with a hard, sanded finish cement plaster, on metal lath, and (3) tile roof if the tile is available. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Engineer Jain, recommending that the walls in the men's rest room in the Civic Auditorium be lined with tile to a height of eight feet, at a cost of \$600.00, and that three urinals be installed in place of the existing ones which are unsatisfactory, at a cost of \$375.00.

Councilman Cucci moved that Engineer Jain be authorized to line the walls in the men's rest room in the Civic Auditorium with tile to a height of eight feet, at a cost of \$600.00, and install three urinals in place of the existing ones at a cost of \$375.00, this work to be done when funds are available. 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 Engineer Jain, advising that the City Painters, in attempting to paint the City Building being used by the Torrance Child Care Center in the City Park, have found that they cannot do a satisfactory job unless the present stationary window screens are removed and replaceable screens installed. He stated that new screens can be made and installed for an estimated cost of \$110.00, and recommended that the screens be installed and the building given a thorough paint job. He added that he felt the Los Angeles School District should bear the expense of the installation of the screens, inasmuch as the rental which the City receives from the School District is only the actual estimated cost of utilities which the City is furnishing.

He recommended that the City Council request the Los Angeles School District to either install the screens, or have the City of Torrance perform the work and reimburse the City for the expense incurred.

Councilman Cucci moved that Engineer Jain be authorized to proceed with the necessary painting and repairs to the building and that the City Clerk be authorized to communicate with the Los Angeles School District and request that the School District either install the screens or agree to reimburse the City of Torrance for doing it. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from C. Z. Ward, Manager, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, advising that the Sunset Advertising Service, which company handles the advertising cards in the busses, has made arrangements to furnish benches at all bus stops, these benches to be sponsored by the Doak Aircraft Corporation and to have their name and the "Torrance Bus Line" on them.

It was advised that the Sunset Advertising Service will furnish all the benches at the bus stops and maintain same and cover them with an insurance policy, copy of which will be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Mr. Ward advised that it has long been the desire of the Bus Department to have benches at the various bus stops, but that the cost has been prohibitive. He requested that the Council grant permission to the Sunset Advertising Service to place them at the bus stops in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Cucci said he would favor granting this request with the provision that any other merchant or merchants who may desire to avail themselves of this advertising medium be allowed to do so by paying their pro-rata share of the benches and the insurance.

Mr. Ward stated that numerous merchants had been contacted and asked whether or not they would care to avail themselves of this opportunity, but that the Doak Aircraft Company was the only one from which favorable response had been received. He said the transaction is still open and that any merchant who so desires may take advantage of it.

Councilman Cucci moved that the request of Mr. C. Z. Ward, Manager, Municipal Bus Lines, to allow Sunset Advertising Company to place benches at various bus stops in the City of Torrance be granted, with the provision that any merchant or merchants who may wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of advertising through this

medium, now or in the future, be allowed to do so by agreeing to the same terms and conditions as stated in Mr. Ward's communication as to maintenance and upkeep of the benches, coverage by insurance, etc., the entire matter to be subject to the approval of City Attorney McCall as to whether or not the City will be fully protected by the insurance policy or policies which may be issued to Doak Aircraft Company or others, it being understood that the City of Torrance will be named in the policy or policies as an additional insured, premiums on same to be paid entirely by the company or companies who enter into this plan. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1722

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF 203RD STREET BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM THEREIN.

Councilman Cucci moved that Resolution No. 1722 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. 1723

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTIONS TO ORDER THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN 203RD STREET AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; DECLARING THE WORK TO BE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT AND DESCRIBING THE DISTRICT TO BE ASSESSED TO PAY THE COSTS AND EXPENSES THEREOF; DETERMINING THAT BONDS SHALL BE ISSUED TO REPRESENT SAID COSTS AND EXPENSES; AND FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS TO SAID WORK OR IMPROVEMENT AND TO THE EXTENT OF THE DISTRICT TO BE ASSESSED, OR BOTH.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1723 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1724

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

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1724 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. 1725

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING DEEDS COVERING CERTAIN TAX DEEDED PROPERTIES IN SAID CITY OF TORRANCE AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1725 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. 1726

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF A CERTAIN OPTION AGREEMENT AND THE RETURN OF MONIES PAID TO THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAID OPTION AGREEMENT.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1726 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. 1727

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF A CERTAIN AGREEMENT NOW IN EFFECT BETWEEN THE SAID CITY AND SAID COUNTY.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1727 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 Councilman C. M. Gilbert, requesting an extended military leave of absence from his duties as Councilman of the City of Torrance, advising that he will leave May 16, 1945 for military duty.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Mr. Walker of the firm of Walker and Eisen, Architects, be retained to draw plans for a proposed fire house. 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 Powell moved that the City Clerk be authorized to direct a communication to the Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County, inquiring whether or not the restriction "for park purposes only" can be lifted in connection with a portion of Block 50,

Torrance Tract, deeded to the City by the County November 6, 1940, as the City proposes the construction of a fire house on the property. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of \$66.00, plus tax, be made for street lighting globes, from Ray-Lite Glass Company. 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 read portions of a Profit and Loss Statement for the Municipal Bus Lines as of March 31, 1945.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$76.12, plus tax, be made for 995 gallons bitumuls from American Bitumuls Company, Street Department. 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 \$65.00, plus tax, be made for overhauling and servicing the Engineering Department transit. 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 \$55.20, plus tax, be made for valve assembly for the Hough Loader, Street Department. 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 all bids received and opened at the April 24, 1945 meeting for a track-laying type, Tractor-Loader, be rejected, and checks ordered returned. 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 City Engineer be authorized to re-advertise for a track-laying type, Tractor-Loader. 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 read a communication from Fred Blake, Park Superintendent, requesting that, although Mr. John Fess, a former Park Department Employee who has been working for the Fire Department for a period of time, is being returned to the Park Department, it is the desire of the Park Superintendent to be allowed to keep all the present crew in view of the fact that a great deal of additional work has been added to the Park Department.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request be granted. 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 the ration board clerk be increased \$62.50 per month effective May 1, 1945, this amounting to the City assuming payment of the full salary of the clerk instead of the 50%, or \$62.50, payment heretofore paid, Mayor

Tolson stating that the Retail Merchants and Manufacturers, who have been paying the other 50% are now unable to do so. 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 pointed out that, although this does not actually constitute an increase in salary for the clerk, it is an increase so far as the City of Torrance is concerned.

Mayor Tolson moved that the City accept the report of Taylor and Taylor as of March, 1945, and the supplemental report as of May, 1945 relative to the water survey of the WALTERIA Area, these reports being on file in the office of the City Clerk. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Tolson moved that the City Attorney and City Clerk be authorized to prepare a petition for circulation in the community of WALTERIA for the purpose of determining whether or not a water district shall be formed. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$2193.00 be made payable to Oppert and Forsberg, being Payment No. 1, in accordance with the terms of a contract between that firm and the Municipal Water District #1 for the general contract work on the new warehouse on Elm Street. 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 asked whether or not the petition which the City Attorney and City Clerk were authorized to prepare in connection with the proposed water district in WALTERIA will specifically state the boundaries of the proposed district, Mayor Tolson's reply being in the affirmative.

Councilman Hitchcock suggested that copies of the reports of Taylor and Taylor be furnished the heads of the two civic organizations in WALTERIA. Also, it was pointed out that anyone who may desire may examine the reports on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Engineer Jain stated that, in connection with the request of Mary Harder for removal of trees at the corner of Carson and Elm Streets, a report will be rendered at a later date.

In connection with the complaint filed relative to water and oil running down the gutters from service stations in the vicinity of Carson, Andreo and 218th Streets, Engineer Jain advised that he had contacted several of the responsible parties, but had not had sufficient time to work out an agreement with them.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Dale Riley, Superintendent of Recreation, requested that, if possible, action be taken at this time relative to the request received from the American Legion, Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, for repairs and overhauling of the lighting fixtures at the Ball Park. He pointed out that the lights have not been used for several years, and that, due to scarcity of materials and time involved in getting the job done, he felt it should be authorized at the earliest possible date to prevent any upset in the plans for the Baseball Tournament.

He advised that the necessary repairs and overhaul of the fixtures will require 68 reflectors and 68 Mazda lamps, total estimated cost being \$447.92, plus labor, and recommended that the funds be appropriated and the job authorized.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the recommendation of Mr. Riley be accepted, and the request of the American Legion granted, and that the sum of \$447.92 for materials for the job be appropriated. 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.

Mr. J. E. McMaster, Chief of the Fire Department, inquired as to meeting date for discussion of the State Retirement Plan for City Employees.

Clerk Bartlett advised that a public meeting for discussion of this matter has been scheduled for May 16, 1945, 7:30 P.M. in the City Hall.

Mr. J. F. Lewis of Lomita reported that Mr. Quandt of the Quandt Water Company in Walteria had failed to fulfill the terms of an agreement with a new water consumer, stating that a friend had paid the customary \$3.00 deposit with the natural understanding that water would be furnished him at his home, it being necessary for the water company to lay lines to the property line. However, Mr. Lewis stated, Mr. Quandt had subsequently advised that the applicant for water would be required to dig a 200-foot ditch and pay 50% of the cost of the pipe. He questioned this procedure and asked what steps should be taken.

A short discussion ensued relative to the franchise Mr. Quandt holds with the City of Torrance.

Councilman Cucci moved that the City Attorney be instructed to examine the franchise held by Mr. Quandt and determine whether or not any of the terms of the franchise have been violated by the Quandt Water Company in this matter. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Tolson pointed out that this appears to be a matter for the Railroad Commission of the State of California, which Commission is all powerful in public utility matters, and suggested that the complainant take the matter up with that Commission, it being located in the State Building in Los Angeles. It was agreed by the Council that prompt action could be expected by the Railroad Commission in a matter of this kind.

Mr. H. C. Callihan, Chairman, Torrance Annual Rodeo Committee, asked whether or not action could be taken at this time in connection with the Rodeo Committee request for rental of 3,000 seats at the Ball Park. He said there is a shortage of this type of seats, and that if prompt action is taken, one place which he knows of can furnish them, but, if not, the concern will let them out to someone else.

Councilman Powell stated that the matter was referred to the Council and that, although \$500.00 was appropriated last year to help defray expenses of the Rodeo, he felt it should be self-supporting by now. He said so far as he was concerned, the action to refer it to the Council for study would stand.

Mr. Callihan asked for time after the meeting to discuss the subject with the Council.

Mayor Tolson advised that the Council would like to study the matter further and would probably have a definite answer at the adjourned meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. 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.

At 9:32 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Cucci, seconded by

Councilman Powell, the meeting adjourned to May 15, 1945 at
7:45 P.M.

A. H. Bausert
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

ATTEST:

W. H. Johnson
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE