

Torrance, California
October 9, 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, October 9, 1945 at 8:00 P.M., a recess having been declared by the Mayor beginning 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 Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held September 25, 1945 be approved as written. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from C. Earl Conner, advising that the committee, appointed by the Mayor, consisting of Miss Irene Mills, Torrance High School, Miss L. Fraser, Captain Bob Lewellen, Mrs. Emma Evans, Mr. James Brodie, Mrs. Clara A. Conner, and C. Earl

Conner, had met on October 8, 1945 for discussion of plans for a Welcome Home Program for returned Veterans from the Torrance area. It was recommended that a public reception and dance be held at the Civic Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. Thursday, October 11, 1945. It was requested that the Council endorse the plan and appropriate \$300.00 to defray expenses of same.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$300.00 be appropriated, through the Chamber of Commerce, to defray expenses of a Welcome Home program for Veterans, October 11, 1945.

Councilman Powell remarked that, although he heartily approves staging a welcome home program for returning Veterans, he felt that a more appropriate time could be arranged two or three months from now, as, he said, many more Veterans from overseas will no doubt be home by that time and there can be a larger percentage of boys who saw service overseas present than there will be if it is held now.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that he understood much work had already been done toward the October 11, 1945 program.

Mayor Tolson agreed that a lot of work had been done, and much effort expended, and added that, in view of the fact that it involves very little expenditure, he would second Councilman Hitchcock's 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 John E. Miller, bidding \$10,100.00 for the three lots owned by the City of Torrance located on the north-west corner of El Prado Street and Cravens Avenue.

Councilman Cucci said he had no knowledge of the City having requested bids on that property, and said he thought the Council should hold a conference and decide whether it is desired to hold the property for municipal use, or sell it.

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

A communication, addressed to Mr. Fred Blake, Park Superintendent, from the Student Council of Torrance High School, was read, requesting exclusive use of the park in front of the school for seniors of the school, to be known as a senior park.

A similar communication was read from Jeanette Farquahar, Student Body Secretary, requesting that the park be set aside as a luncheon area for seniors exclusively.

A short discussion ensued, it being the consensus of opinion that the City Council does not have the authority to grant to any certain group exclusive use of a particular area over an indefinite period of time.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the communication be filed, and that Jeanette Farquahar, Student Body Secretary, and Fred Blake, Park Superintendent, be notified by letter that the City Council does not have the authority to grant to any certain group exclusive use of any portion of a public park for an indefinite period of time. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Dale Riley, Superintendent of the Recreation Department, requesting that an appropriation of not to exceed \$100.00 be made to defray expenses of a Halloween Party to be staged for all ages of children with the idea of diverting their attention from destructive and mischievous pranks. He gave a tentative outline of the program.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$100.00, from the Recreation Fund, be made to defray expenses of a Halloween party. 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.

To Mayor Tolson's inquiry as to whether or not this would include Walteria, Councilman Gilbert replied that it includes the entire City of Torrance.

A communication was read from the American Red Cross, requesting permission to continue to use a certain room at the Red Cross Headquarters for storage of first aid and civilian defense equipment, it having appeared that Mr. Caldwell might wish to use this room in accordance with an agreement to share office space at the Red Cross Headquarters with him.

Clerk Bartlett advised that, since the letter was written, Mr. Caldwell has obtained office space in another building, making action on this letter unnecessary.

A communication was read from the United Pacific Insurance Company relative to bus insurance premium increase, again expressing regret at the necessity of increasing the premium 35%, but pointing out that the company has no other alternative in view of the accident record of the Bus Lines.

Councilman Cucci again insisted that the 35% increase should be spread throughout the City departments, rather than against the one department, inferring that discrimination is being shown in order to cause net revenue of the Bus Department to appear decreased.

Councilman Gilbert stated that a meeting, Monday, October 8, 1945, with the representatives of the insurance company, had been held at which time Mr. Picton Davies had explained very thoroughly all the phases of this matter. He said all members of the Council had been notified to attend the meeting. Councilman Cucci admitted he had not attended.

Councilman Cucci was adamant in his contention that someone was trying to make the bus lines "the goat" and remarked that there were other insurance companies who could handle this business. He said that, if the Bus Department must take an increase of 35% instead of increasing all departments, the Bus Lines should retain all its revenue for new equipment and maintenance instead of putting it into the General Fund.

Mayor Tolson pointed out that the rates given by this company are extremely low, and told Mr. Cucci that insurance is one of the greatest items of expenditure any transportation or trucking company has to contend with because of the great risks involved. He said he feared the company would cancel the insurance, as they have that privilege, between now and the next meeting, if the Council refuses to act upon it now.

Councilman Powell said he had been satisfied with Mr. Davies' explanation at the October 8, 1945 meeting, and agreed with Mayor Tolson that the matter should be concluded at this meeting to allay the possibility of a cancellation of the insurance.

Both Councilmen Powell and Gilbert tried to show Councilman Cucci that, only because of the fact that the Bus Lines has had a certain accident record is the insurance premium increased, and that, therefore, it could only be assessed against the Bus Lines, as it is the Bus Line's liability and not the liability of the balance of the city departments. It would, therefore, be unfair and illogical to assess all other departments with an increased insurance rate brought about by the Bus Lines, by its accident record, for the purpose of allowing the Bus Lines to show a higher net profit at the expense of the other departments. It was pointed out that the other departments are not responsible for Bus Lines accidents and could not justifiably be made to bear the expense of the increased insurance premium. Also, it was pointed out that it is to be expected that insurance on the transportation line will be higher, as the hazards are so much greater. It was further pointed out that all departments are given an experience rating and the premium rates assessed accordingly, and the Bus Lines is no exception and should not expect to penalize all other departments any more than any other departments should expect the Bus Lines to pay for their accidents through the medium of increased insurance rates.

After this lengthy discussion, Councilman Cucci stated, "we are showing a profit and I am trying to maintain that profit."

Councilman Powell added that, to assume that the insurance company was showing discrimination against any department would be a little far fetched, as, he said, they have no interest in the matter whatsoever but to collect the amount necessary to carry on the insurance in a good, businesslike manner.

Mr. C. Z. Ward, Manager of the Bus Lines, stated that the insurance company does not concern itself as to what department the money comes from, so long as they receive it, inferring that he too favored assessing all other departments for the Bus Lines increased insurance rate.

Mayor Tolson again cautioned that the City will pay more if compelled to re-write its bus insurance. Councilman Powell agreed that the insurance is probably as cheap as the City can expect from any other company.

Councilman Cucci still insisted the Bus Department is being discriminated against in this matter, whereupon Councilman Powell, after first giving Councilman Cucci an opportunity to make the motion, Councilman Cucci declining, (and with an apology to Councilman Cucci for acting contrary to his wishes,) moved that \$2367.55 be appropriated for payment of the balance due for Bus Department insurance, \$942.09 being the additional amount based on the 35% premium increase, and \$1425.46 being the amount due on the policy as a result of the audit, the latter amount being due and payable anyway regardless of increase. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Bob Bosnyak, Contractor, requesting an extension of twenty work days, plus the time necessary to issue the bond warrants, etc., to complete the 203rd Street Sewer System Job.

A note was attached from Engineer Jain, recommending approval of the request.

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

A recommendation was read from Chief Stroh that four boulevard stop signs be installed on the corners of Gramercy Avenue and Cravens Avenue at a cost of \$9.40 per sign, plus tax.

Councilman Powell moved that this recommendation be concurred in and that the signs be installed at the earliest possible date. 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 City of Torrance Civil Service Board, advising that the Board had approved Mr. Paul Slonecker's request for a leave of absence, without pay, from October 20, 1945 to November 20, 1945, subject to approval of the City Council.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the action of the Civil Service Board be approved. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board, advising that the Board had approved Mr. O. D. Butterfield's request for a thirty day leave of absence, without pay, commencing approximately October 20, 1945, subject to approval of the City Council.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the action of the Civil Service Board be approved. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Acting Secretary, City Planning Commission, advising that the Petition for Variance and Conditional Permit of Dr. S. A. Bauman, who has requested permission to operate the present Begonia Farms Buildings at 4024 Pacific Coast Highway, Walteria, as a cafe, and to make a small addition to this building for a kitchen, had been considered and approved by the Commission at a meeting held October 2, 1945.

Engineer Jain advised, verbally, that, since this action was taken, it had occurred to him that, in order to occupy the building as a cafe, certain building regulations will be changed in connection with the new construction.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the recommendation of the Planning Commission, that the Council concur in action of the City Planning Commission in approving the above Petition for Variance and Conditional Permit, be concurred in, with the stipulation that those certain building requirements and regulations referred to by Mr. Jain be complied with. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from W. H. Stanger, Manager, Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, enclosing a letter from the California Water Service Company asking Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 to join with them as co-plaintiff in action to adjudicate the water rights of the West Basin.

It was recommended that the Water District join with the California Water Service and other cities to protect the water rights in the West Basin and to share part of the cost of participation. Mr. Stanger suggested that a fair basis for the cost of participation would be according to the number of meters each water department has in service at this time, Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 having 1850 meters, total amount for participation being \$1110.00. It was stated that, if the recommendation meets with approval of the Council, Mr. Stanger will present the schedule of participation to the other interested participants for their approval.

Councilman Gilbert asked Engineer Jain to explain the purpose of this litigation more thoroughly, it being his understanding that the thought is to stop private parties from drilling wells and consuming the limited amount of water in the basin.

Engineer Jain stated that the West Basin Steering Committee, of which he is a member, has been studying this matter for some time, as the rapid lowering of the water level in this area has caused much concern. He said the adjudication suit is for the purpose of endeavoring to settle the water rights of all those who had wells as of a certain year and were using water from the Basin, to distribute the supply equitably to all the present users, and to prevent further drilling by new consumers.

Councilman Gucci asked why there is such grave concern over this matter when the City is a member of the Metropolitan Water District and can use that water. Councilman Powell stated that it is an established fact that the Metropolitan Water District supply cannot be used for certain purposes, and that the industries are interested in the continued supply of the present type of water, as it can be used for their chemical and other purposes without breaking it down or treating it, whereas the Metropolitan water cannot be used for certain purposes regardless of how much processing it goes through.

Councilman Gucci said he would not favor a suit which, if won, would prohibit a person from drilling a water well on his own land.

Engineer Jain stated that the water companies are the ones who will be most affected by this suit, and recommended that Mr. Stanger's recommendation be concurred in in order to protect the Torrance share of the water supply in the West Basin.

Councilman Gucci said he still wondered how anyone could be legally stopped from drilling a water well on his own land, to which Engineer Jain replied that, to his knowledge, there had been only one similar suit in the State of California, being the suit involving Pasadena and San Marino, at which time the water rights were definitely determined.

Councilman Powell moved that Mr. Stanger's recommendation, relative to basis of cost, be concurred in as outlined above, in order that he may present the cost schedule to the other interested participants for their approval. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from John A. Shidler, applying for reinstatement to his position as City Judge, stating he has been on Military leave of absence since August, 1942 and will be officially separated from the Army October 10, 1945. He requested that his reinstatement be made effective as of November 1, 1945.

Councilman Gucci, with the comment that this reinstatement takes place automatically, moved that John A. Shidler be reinstated to his former position as City Judge, effective November 1, 1945, subject to approval of the Civil Service Board. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Acting Secretary, City Planning Commission, advising that the Planning Commission, at a meeting held October 2, 1945 approved a resolution which was submitted by the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission insofar as it applies to the City of Torrance, and requested the City Council to concur in this action by adopting a similar resolution. A suggested copy of such resolution was attached.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1746

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE TENTATIVE MASTER PLAN OF SHORELINE DEVELOPMENT AS PREPARED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN-SO FAR AS IT APPLIES TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1746 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1747

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EMPLOYING A. R. WALKER, ASSOCIATES, AS ARCHITECT AND PROJECT DIRECTOR IN CONNECTION WITH POST WAR PLANS.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1747 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1748

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING DEED OF VERN E. GARTEN, ADMINISTRATOR WITH-THE-WILL ANNEKED; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE THE CITY'S WARRANT IN PAYMENT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD SAID DEED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
(Lot 6, Block 38, Torrance Tract).

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1748 be adopted. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1749

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

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1749 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1750

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE PAYMENT TO THE COUNTY TREASURER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR OF THE SAID COUNTY OF CERTAIN 1935 ACT ASSESSMENT AMOUNTS.

(Portion of Lot 48, McDonald Tract - approximately 7 acres).

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1750 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.

Councilman Powell moved that the payment of extra salary to Chief J. H. Stroh which was allowed him while he acted in the capacity of Coordinator of Civilian Defense be terminated, inasmuch as the Civilian Defense program has been abolished, said salary termination to be effective September 30, 1945. 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 requested Engineer Jain to make a study of the lighting needs of the Park Knolls housing project and submit a report at the next meeting.

Councilman Cucci moved that George J. Garcia be employed as a bus operator on a temporary basis at a salary of \$185.00 per month, effective September 26, 1945. 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 Cucci moved that an appropriation of \$96.22 plus tax, be made for piston rings and installation, and for having valves ground on Bus #107, work by Hall-Scott Motor 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.

Councilman Cucci announced that, due to illness of the City Attorney, the suit to determine legality of the sale of the Municipal Bus Lines had been postponed from October 8, 1945 to October 22, 1945, to be tried at 9:30 A.M. at the Los Angeles City Hall. He also announced that the suit to determine legality of the City Clerk holding the Purchasing Agent's job will be heard tomorrow, October 9, 1945. Clerk Bartlett added that it will be held in the Superior Court at Long Beach, Department A, and invited all those interested to be present.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to employ the necessary equipment and labor to grade Neece Avenue, WALTERIA, to prepare it for surfacing by the City forces. 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 not to exceed \$100.00 be made for motor block, main bearings and gaskets for International Truck No. 4, 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 \$63.57 plus tax, be made for 831 gallons bitumuls from American Bitumuls 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.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$1420.00 plus tax, be made for two (2) 4 cu. yd. dump bodies, complete with hoists, furnished and installed on the two new Ford Trucks which have been ordered. 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 advertise for bids for resurfacing, with plant-mix surfacing, the following streets:

- (1) Arlington Avenue - Lincoln Avenue to Sepulveda Boulevard.
- (2) Arlington Avenue - Border Avenue to 208th Street.
- (3) Andreo Avenue - Carson Street to 222nd Street.
- (4) Gramercy Avenue - Carson Street to 222nd Street.

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 prepare and sign the contract with the County of Los Angeles for traffic striping on streets in the City of Torrance; approximately the same mileage as was done last year; this work to be done at cost. 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 \$63.90 plus tax, be made for two 6.50 x 20 8-ply truck tires for Street Department Equipment. 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 referred to a communication from Engineer Jain relative to employment of Mr. Harold Barnett to make the necessary assessment studies for the sewer in South Torrance.

A short discussion ensued relative to boundaries of the proposed sewer, cost of the survey, etc., after which it was decided to meet with Mr. Barnett before officially authorizing him to proceed with the assessment study.

Councilman Powell mentioned the old problem the City has had with the drainage of the corner of 231st Street and Narbonne Avenue during the storm season, suggesting that a pump be installed. Engineer Jain advised that, if the water is pumped off, it will be necessary to take it at least one mile east. He said the dry well there at the present time worked quite satisfactorily last year. Nothing definite was decided upon at this time.

It was generally understood that a meeting will be arranged with Mr. Harold A. Barnett, Engineer, for discussion of the sewer plans.

Councilman Powell reported that a hazardous condition at the Park Knolls Tract had come to his attention, brought about by a change in plans when the tract was laid out and construction began. He said that the original plans called for driveways at the front of the buildings, but that, later, it was decided to have the garage entrances at the rear. However, he continued, the sidewalks had been constructed to allow entrances from the front. He requested Engineer Jain to submit a report at his earliest convenience relative to cost of eliminating this condition and also to give an estimate as to when the work may be done.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that dumping of garbage on city streets is getting out of hand, and said he would like to discuss with the City Engineer and Chief of Police the advisability of posting signs prohibiting this act and calling attention to the fact that there is a City Dump which can be used for this purpose. He asked for suggestions from anyone who might have something to offer.

Councilman Cucci said he thought more people would avail themselves of the privilege of using the dump if the city would refrain from charging them, and only charge for commercial dumping. Engineer Jain advised that the City does not charge individuals for dumping garbage; but does charge for large-scale, commercial dumping.

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

Mayor Tolson moved that City Offices close all day Saturdays, to conform with the practice of practically all other city halls throughout Southern California. 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.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There appearing to be no oral communications, 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.

Mr. George Thatcher of WALTERIA suggested that, inasmuch as the community of WALTERIA is growing, one member of the Planning Commission should be from WALTERIA.

Councilman Gilbert said he had given this matter some thought, as the member originally appointed from WALTERIA no longer resides there, and the question had occurred to him as to whether or not that member should continue service with the Planning Commission.

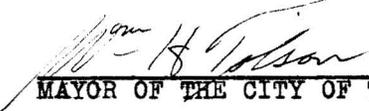
Councilman Cucci asked Councilman Gilbert to look into the legal aspect of the question and bring it up at the next meeting.

Councilman Gilbert said he had not considered legality at all, but simply wondered whether or not, in the interest of good government, one member of the Commission should be from the community of WALTERIA. He said he would give the matter additional thought between now and the next meeting.

At 9:25 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Cucci, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, October 16, 1945 at 7:45 P.M.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

ATTEST:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE