

Torrance, California
January 29, 1946

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, January 29, 1946, 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.

Being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board, advising that Mr. Ollie Dodson, a Park Department employee, has requested a three months' leave of absence, without pay, beginning February 1, 1946 due to poor health. It was stated that the Civil Service Board, at a special meeting held January 18, 1946, granted Mr. Dodson's request for leave, subject to approval of the City Council.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the action of the Civil Service Board be concurred in and the leave granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Citizens National Bank Trust and Savings, Los Angeles, advising that their Trust Investment Committee has approved the sale to the City of Torrance of Lots 23, 24 and 25 of Tract 5944 in the City of Torrance for a total consideration of \$1500.00.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$1500.00 be appropriated for purchase of Lots 23, 24 and 25, Tract 5944, and that the City Clerk be authorized to advise the bank that the City wishes to take title to the lots through escrow proceedings. 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 Torrance Post No. 3251, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, requesting further use of the Civic Auditorium for the purpose of conducting Friday night dances under the sponsorship of Post No. 3251. It was stated that the Council had previously granted use of the Auditorium for one month, during which time three dances were conducted, and that proceeds from the January 11, 1946 dance were contributed to Jobs Daughters, a similar arrangement having been worked out for the February 1, 1946 dance.

Mr. Vernon Coil, who was in the audience, advised that it has been arranged that the Veterans of Foreign Wars will give the proceeds of one dance each month to the Jobs Daughters, since the latter organization had formerly been granted use of the building for one dance each month.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request made by Torrance Post No. 3251, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from REMCO, signed by Donald Findley, referring to the request that the City of Torrance install all street improvements, sewers and public utilities in the area between Acacia Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard, north of the Santa Fe Railroad, without cost to the owner of the lots, and protesting against the use of public funds for such improvements unless the City is prepared to do the same for other property owners having unimproved lots which are adaptable for residences.

(It was understood that Mr. Findley referred to a letter received and read at the January 22, 1946 Council Meeting from the J. H. Pine Construction Company wherein it was requested that the City make the necessary public utility improvements along Dominguez Street, Maricopa Street, Maricopa Place, Crenshaw Boulevard and Acacia Street.)

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Mr. Findley's communication be filed for future reference. 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. 1762

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, ACCEPTING BIDS FOR CERTAIN TAX DEEDED LANDS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO APPLY TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR SUCH TAX DEEDS.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1762 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. 1763

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THAT AN ELECTION BE HELD SEPARATELY FOR THE REGULAR EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND GENERAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY TO DETERMINE THEIR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO INCLUDE SAID EMPLOYEES IN SAID RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Clerk Bartlett advised that the date and time of the election must be determined by the Council at this time and made a part of the resolution, whereupon Wednesday, February 13, 1946 was decided upon, polls to be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on said day of election.

Councilman Cucci moved that Resolution No. 1763 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 reported that the following men have returned to their positions with the Police Department, all having been on Military leave of absence: W. Barnett, returned January 13, 1946; Karl Friberg, returned January 14, 1946; and C. C. Tolson returned January 21, 1946. Matter of record.

Councilman Cucci stated that, at the last regular meeting, some of the people of North Torrance had understood that the meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening, Wednesday, January 30, 1946, is to be an adjourned Council Meeting, and, on this assumption, had arranged for a delegation to attend the meeting. He added that, in order to enable the group to make requests of the Council,

the meeting be scheduled as an adjourned Council meeting, whereupon Councilman Cucci made a motion that the meeting adjourn to Wednesday, January 30, 1946.

Councilman Hitchcock said he understood that the meeting of Wednesday, January 30, 1946, is to be an informal one to allow open discussion of the suit now pending to adjudicate the water rights of the West Basin; that the attorney handling the water suit is to be present for the express purpose of answering questions which the North Torrance people may have in order to clarify the real purpose and intent of the suit. However, he said, he has no objection to the meeting being an Adjourned Council Meeting. Mayor Tolson said he, too, had understood that the meeting will be an informal one, but that whatever is decided is satisfactory with him.

Councilman Cucci again moved to adjourn to Wednesday, January 30, 1946 at 7:45 P.M. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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

APPROVED:

W. B. Tolson
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE