

Torrance, California
April 10, 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 Ad-
journed Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance,
California, on Wednesday, April 10, 1946 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: Cucci and Gilbert.

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

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held March 26, 1946, and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held April 2, 1946 be approved as written. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Tolson asked Clerk Bartlett whether or not the absentee ballots for the April 9, 1946 General Municipal Election are ready to be canvassed at this time. Clerk Bartlett replied in the negative, stating that there are still five (5) absentee ballots outstanding, and that the City Council must, according to law, adjourn its meetings from day to day until all the absentee ballots are in, or until April 16, 1946 has been reached, at which time all absentee ballots must be canvassed, whether or not all ballots issued have been received or returned and accounted for, and at which time the official canvass of the entire vote of the April 9, 1946 election will be made.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Frank E. Leyvas, P.O. Box 262, Torrance, requesting a license to collect junk in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be referred to the Police Department for investigation and report. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, advising that William Dymond, a Veteran of World War II, recently failed to pass a competitive examination for laborer, Street Department, and as a consequence was discharged from his position as laborer with the City Street Department. A request was made by the Veterans Service Center that he be placed in his former position, advising that the Service Center has been informed that he is qualified for the position.

A second subject, namely housing, was also brought up in the communication, with the request that the Council take action to protect the rights and privileges of Veterans in the matter of housing.

Councilman Powell moved that the request relative to a former employee, William Dymond, be referred to the Council as a whole for study and report. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Lawndale Civic Association, Lawndale, California, protesting the establishment of a flying field or airport in the McDonald Tract, situated between Prairie Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard, along Redondo Beach Boulevard, North Torrance.

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

Engineer Jain advised that the communication from the Lawndale Civic Association is probably in response to a recent notification by the Planning Commission that Community Airports Inc. had applied for a zoning variance to allow establishments of a certain nature to be operated on the proposed airport property. He said all property owners within 300 feet are always notified of proposed zoning variances, and that, in this case, approximately 85% of the property owners so notified were in the Lawndale area. He added that the communication may have been meant for the Planning Commission, and that the variance referred to will be brought up at the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for April 16, 1946.

A communication was read from Dorothy H. Jamieson, Librarian, advising that repairs and shelving in the basement of the Torrance

Public Library are most urgently needed, and requesting the Council to take appropriate steps to provide same.

Councilman Powell moved that Engineer Jain be instructed to furnish the Council with an estimate of cost of performing this work at the earliest possible date. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Office of the County Counsel, Los Angeles County, advising that the Board of Supervisors had, on September 4, 1945, instructed the County Counsel to prepare a new contract for the City of Torrance covering services of the Regional Planning Commission. It was stated that, subsequent to making this order, it was decided that a uniform contract should be prepared for the use of all cities desirous of contracting with the County for this service.

Four copies of the uniform contract were enclosed with a request that they be properly executed and returned to the Office of the County Counsel for transmission to the Board of Supervisors for proper execution and return of one copy to the City of Torrance.

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

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission, advising that the Commission, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, April 2, 1946, considered the Petition for Variance (Case No. 38) of Ben D. Stewart and A. H. Brown to permit the construction of a Service Station, with adjoining Garage, for general mechanical repairs (but not including painting or body repairing) on Lots 1 and 2, Block 60, Torrance Tract, which property is now located in an R-3 Zone.

It was the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the Petition for Variance be granted, and that the City Council be requested to concur in this action.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission in connection with Case No. 38. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission, advising that the Commission, at a regular Meeting held April 2, 1946, considered the Petition for Variance and Conditional Permit, (Case No. 36) of Robert W. Nuckles to use the existing building at 2415 Arlington Avenue as an automobile paint, body and fender shop and for washing and polishing, which property is now located in an R-3 Zone.

It was stated that the Commission approved the granting of the Variance as requested, and recommended that the City Council concur in this action.

Mr. Jain called attention to the fact that, in order to comply with the City Building Code for a paint shop or public garage, the building must be plastered both inside and outside, and must be at least ten feet from the side property line. He stated that Mr. Nuckles informs that the present building is constructed against the property line, which would preclude it from being converted into a paint shop or public garage. However, Mr. Jain continued, inasmuch as the building was originally erected for a paint shop, before adoption by the City of the building code now in use, and since it was the understanding of Mr. Nuckles that he could continue this use at any time after the City had finished using it as a Recreation Center, he would recommend that the proposed use be allowed if the site of the building adjacent to the side property line is plastered solidly on both sides, without openings, and if the front and rear walls are plastered likewise at least ten feet away from the side property line, and with the understanding that all painting is to be performed in a mechanically ventilated spray booth approved by the Building Department. In addition, Mr. Jain stated that all other doors and windows, except those on street fronts, should be constructed of metal frames and wire-glass.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission in approving the granting of the Variance as requested, (Case No. 36) and that the City Council also concur in the recommendation of Engineer Jain relative to plastering, spray booth and door and window construction, as above set forth. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that the wage rate for crossing guards be increased from 70¢ per hour to 80¢ per hour, effective April 1, 1946. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci and Gilbert.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$56.25, plus tax, be made for purchase of one 2' Section Distributor Manifold, complete with shut-off lever, valves and nozzles, for Street Department Oil Distributor. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci and Gilbert.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$69.67 be made for safety glass sheets for maintenance to busses, Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci and Gilbert.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$75.00 be made for repairing, re-sewing and partial re-covering of cushions, Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci and Gilbert.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$47.00, plus tax be made for 10,000 Los Angeles bus schedules, and that an appropriation of \$49.60, plus tax, be made for 10,000 local bus schedules, Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci and Gilbert.

Mayor Tolson moved that Ivan Eckersley be employed as a mechanic's helper at a salary of \$225.00 per month, effective April 2, 1946, Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci and Gilbert.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$55.66, plus tax, be made for two drums oil, for Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci and Gilbert.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$157.83, plus tax, be made for repair parts for stock, consisting of bearings, fork, hose, drums and clutch plates, for Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci and Gilbert.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$157.50, plus tax, be made for a cylinder assembly for Bus #102, Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci and Gilbert.

Councilman Hitchcock inquired whether or not the mechanic employed is an additional employee, or a replacement. Mayor Tolson advised that he did not know.

Clerk Bartlett reported that, in the matter of preparation of an ordinance of intention to call an election to determine whether or not a water district shall be formed in North Torrance, (Municipal Water District No. 2), the preparation had been delayed due to a change in valuations. He stated that the information had been received today, and the resolution will be prepared and ready for the next regular meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. E. Saul stated that there are approximately twenty petitions being circulated in North Torrance protesting the proposed establishment of an airport in the North Torrance area, which petitions, he stated, will be presented to the Planning Commission at its meeting on April 16, 1946.

Mr. Wake requested permission, on behalf of the American Legion, to place banners on busses of Torrance Municipal Bus Lines from about July 15, 1946 through the month of August, advertising the forthcoming Baseball Tournament.

Councilman Powell moved that the American Legion be permitted to place banners on busses as requested by Mr. Wake, and as set forth above. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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

At 8:15 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Powell, the meeting adjourned to April 11, 1946, 7:45 P.M.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE