

Torrance, California
April 16, 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, April 16, 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.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Mayor Tolson announced the purpose of the meeting, being to canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election held April 9, 1946 and to install the newly elected officers.

Clerk Bartlett advised that the first order of business is to canvass the absentee ballots, thirty (30) of which were issued and twenty-three (23) of which have been voted and returned, whereupon he proceeded to open the sealed envelopes containing one ballot to each envelope. He submitted the ballots to Mayor Tolson, who verified the fact that there were twenty-three ballots to be tallied. Results of the canvass of absentee ballots were as follows:

<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>VOTES RECEIVED</u>
James W. Barker	Councilman	0
Paul Findley	"	5
Joel Hagberg	"	0
Alvan K. Hill	"	0
Wm. J. B. Hughes	"	0
Albert L. Jackson	"	11
James J. O'Toole	"	5
J. Hugh Sherfey, Jr.	"	20
Cecil W. Smith	"	3
Albert H. Bartlett	City Clerk	19
Floyd B. Boyle	"	4
Carl E. Marsteller	"	0
Vivian C. Callihan	City Treasurer	2
Margaret Fordice	"	11
Tom F. McGuire	"	9
Bessie D. Slonecker	"	1

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Proposition	12	10
Total votes cast, including absentee ballots: 2437		

Upon completion of the canvass of absentee ballots, Clerk Bartlett declared that the next order of business is the canvass of returns of the April 9, 1946 General Municipal Election, whereupon he proceeded to open sealed envelopes containing tally lists, beginning with the sealed envelope for Precinct No. 1, and proceeding until seventeen sealed envelopes (one for each precinct) had been opened, and presented tally lists to the City Council who canvassed same.

There being no errors apparent, Clerk Bartlett presented and read certain portions of, and particularly the portion wherein was listed the names of all candidates voted for and number of votes received by each, and number of votes cast for and against the proposition:

RESOLUTION NO. 1768

RESOLUTION DECLARING RESULTS
OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
HELD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE
APRIL 9, 1946.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1768 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.

Mr. I. J. Hallanger, Deputy City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Albert H. Bartlett, Incumbent, and presented Mr. Bartlett with a Certificate of Re-election to the office of City Clerk.

Clerk Bartlett administered the Oath of Office to Mr. J. Hugh Sherfey, Jr. and presented Mr. Sherfey with a Certificate of Election to the office of City Councilman.

Clerk Bartlett administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Albert L. Jackson and presented Mr. Jackson with a Certificate of Election to the office of City Councilman.

Clerk Bartlett administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Margaret Fordice and presented Mrs. Fordice with a Certificate of Election to the office of City Treasurer.

At this time, the retiring Councilmen, Mr. N. H. Cucci and Mr. J. E. Hitchcock, after surrendering badges and keys belonging to the City of Torrance, stepped down from the Council platform and Councilmen Jackson and Sherfey took their respective places at the Council table. During the exchange of positions, the retiring and remaining Councilmen congratulated and welcomed the newly elected officers, and the senior Councilmen expressed their good wishes for continued success of the retiring officials.

Mayor Tolson stated that, in connection with the retiring Councilmen, and Mr. "Jim" Hitchcock particularly, the Council has had his good services for a period of fourteen or more years, and that, during this time, he has rendered to the City of Torrance a service too valuable for expression in mere words, and has exhibited a fine sense of loyalty to the City and the citizenry, and has become so vital a part of the City Government that he will long be missed after his retirement tonight from his duties as Councilman. He expressed genuine regret at the loss of Mr. Hitchcock as a City official, and stated that he felt confident his sentiments in this connection are also those of the remainder of the Council as Mr. Hitchcock has won the respect of all who know him. At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Hitchcock was given an expression of thanks and appreciation by the assemblage in the form of resounding applause.

Mayor Tolson announced that, as is customary at this point, nominations are in order for a Mayor, and requested Clerk Bartlett to take the Chair, which Clerk Bartlett did.

Councilman Powell moved that Councilman J. Hugh Sherfey, Jr. be nominated for the office of Mayor of the City of Torrance, which choice, he said, is sanctioned by all factions of the Community. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, stating that it is his belief that the Mayor should be changed every two years, with the Councilman receiving the highest vote being the choice for this important position in the City Government, and paid tribute to Mr. Tolson's service as Mayor. A roll call vote was taken upon the motion, which was carried as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Powell, Jackson, Gilbert and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. NO VOTE: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey took his position as Mayor of the City of Torrance and addressed the Council and Assemblage briefly, stating that his election as Mayor is indeed a tribute, and also an honor which he had not anticipated prior to the motion. He stated that, although he knows nothing of the duties of the office, he will endeavor at all times to merit the confidence which has been placed in him, and asked a measure of forbearance on the part of the citizenry for a period until he becomes more familiar with the duties involved in acting in the official capacity of Mayor of the City of Torrance. He invited anyone who may so desire to call upon him for discussion of any policy or matter in connection with the administration of the City Government.

Mr. Plomert congratulated the new Councilmen, on behalf of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and pledged continued support and cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce to the entire Council. He thanked the retiring Councilmen for cooperation extended the Chamber of Commerce by them during their terms of office.

Councilman Powell spoke in behalf of Mr. N. H. Cucci, one of the retiring Councilmen, stating that he had rendered four years of faithful, honest service to the City, which he personally has valued highly, and which has been also appreciated immeasurably by a large percentage of the citizenry of the community.

Councilman Jackson stated that, although he is not familiar with the duties of Councilman, he will do his utmost to merit the confidence which has been placed in him by the voters who elected him to this position of honor, and concluded by thanking all those who supported him in the recent campaign.

Clerk Bartlett thanked all those who so loyally supported him in the recent campaign, and reiterated the vows made by him many times before to administer the duties of his office honestly, faithfully and in all sincerity.

Mr. Joel Hagberg of WALTERIA extended the congratulations of the WALTERIA Civic Organization to the newly elected officers, and stated that the Organization will cooperate with the entire Council at all times except in matters of policy with which the Organization staunchly disagrees and feels justified in opposing. He urged that the Council remember WALTERIA's urgent need of a recreation center.

Mrs. Margaret Fordice, City Treasurer, expressed appreciation for support given her in the recent campaign.

Pictures were made at this time of the Officials, after which, at 8:35 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

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

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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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