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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 14, 1946 at 7:50 P.M.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen; Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent; Councilmen: Gilbert.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Mayor Sherfey moved that a ten minute recess be declared to await arrival of Councilman Gilbert. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 8:03 P.M., the meeting re-convened, Councilman Gilbert being still absent.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held April 23, 1946 be approved as written. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Torrance-Lomita District Realty Board, signed by B. C. Buxton, President, and W. E. Bowen, Secretary, vigorously protesting any proposal the City may be considering to expend public funds for improvements in a certain proposed subdivision in Tract 13822, formerly parts of Blocks 81 and 87 of Torrance Tract. It was urged that the customary method of an assessment program be followed if the improvements are to be made, whereby the property owners may pay the assessments in small installments with their taxes.

Councilman Powell moved that the communication be filed for future reference.

Councilman Tolson suggested that this matter be discussed and studied further, and that, inasmuch as an informal meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 1946, it might be advisable to confer further with the interested persons in this matter at that time.

Councilman Powell, after withdrawing his motion to file the communication, agreed that the matter is one which has caused much comment, and stated that there are several favorable points in connection with it with which the public is not entirely familiar, and also said he favored meeting with the group.

Councilman Tolson moved that the interested members of the Torrance-Lomita District Realty Board be requested to meet with the City Council Wednesday, May 22, 1946, at 8:00 P.M. for an informal discussion of the proposal of the City installing certain improvements in the new subdivision contemplated by Mr. Pine in order that all the facts may be thoroughly understood by those who have expressed an interest in the matter. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J. C. Hedgecock, J. L. Hedgecock, D. E. Hedgecock, L. W. Hedgecock, and Lester L. Hedgecock, co-owners of the Fybro Brick and Construction Company located on Lots 16 and 17, Tract 2807, in the City of Torrance, protesting the nuisance created by the United Sulphur and Chemical Company in allowing sulphur dust to be blown through the air, and allowing chunks of sulphur to fall from their factory onto business property of Fybro Brick and Construction Company. It was urged that proper action be taken to have the nuisance abated as quickly as possible.

Upon being asked whether or not he had investigated the condition above-mentioned, Engineer Jain replied in the affirmative, adding that he had viewed the property of the brick company today and observed that there was a steady cloud of sulphur dust across the property, although there was no unusual wind blowing. He said that, in his opinion, there is definitely a hazard existing as above-stated by the Messrs. Hedgecock. He stated that, when he suggested to the Sulphur company that a certain contrivance be installed to take the sulphur dust away, and to enclose the building in a certain manner, he had been informed by the sulphur company representatives that this method of operation would create a fire hazard, which information they claimed had been obtained from the Fire Chief.

Chief McMaster was called upon for information relative to the subject, but, inasmuch as he was not in the assemblage, Councilman Tolson moved that the matter be referred to the Fire Chief and the City Engineer for further investigation and report at the next meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J. W. Alford, requesting that the City Council clarify the point of who may operate taxicabs under the fictitious name "Torrance Yellow Cab Company", stating that he had been issued a license on March 6, 1945 in the name of Torrance Yellow Cab Company, and that, in September, 1945, Daniel D. and Marie Frohman had started a taxicab business under the name of the Yellow Cab Company of Torrance. He said that he had subsequently, on May 14, 1946, been refused a license for Torrance Yellow Cab Company.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the matter be referred to Otto B. Willett, Deputy City Attorney, with instructions to determine all

the facts and history in connection with the above-mentioned matter and with authority to contact Chief of Police John H. Stroh, who is in Washington D. C., if necessary, in an effort to clarify the entire matter and issue licenses properly. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Lomita Post #645 American Legion, signed by Charles R. LaFlamme, requesting permission to sell fireworks on the 4th of July and previous days as allotted by the Council at two locations as follows: one on 101 Highway and one on Narbonne Avenue adjacent to Torrance-Lomita boundary.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request be granted, subject to approval of the Chief of the Fire Department. Mayor Sherfey seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from LeRoy Johnston, requesting that Gramercy Avenue be opened between Santa Fe Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, stating that he desires to build a house on Lots 5 and 6, Block 298, Tract 1952, but cannot do so due to lack of a street.

Engineer Jain said that he had assured Mr. Johnston that he believed the Council would provide him access to his property and that, as the area develops, the entire street will undoubtedly be opened.

Councilman Powell moved that the matter be referred to the City Engineer for report as to approximate cost of opening the street. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Stella Freligh, 1218 Cota Avenue, protesting any proposal of the City to install and pay for improvements in the new subdivision being contemplated by Mr. Pine in the vicinity near or on North Acacia Street. The communication was referred for discussion at the May 22, 1946 meeting at which time this subject will be thoroughly discussed.

A similar letter was read from Real Estate Management Company, signed by Donald Findley, protesting any appropriation of public funds for the sole benefit of any individual subdivider and demanding that the improvements contemplated for the new subdivision proposed by Mr. Pine be assessed against the lots in the area the same as has always been done in every district of the City. The communication was referred to the meeting scheduled for May 22, 1946.

A communication was read from United Steelworkers of America, Local Union 1414, C.I.O., requesting that the City Council abandon all thought of disposing of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines by selling same to a private owner, and adding that the service rendered by the Bus Lines is constantly improving because of the fact that it is municipally operated as compared with other transportation systems which are now idle due to interest on the part of private owners in profits rather than service to the public.

Councilman Jackson moved that this communication be referred for study to allow the new members of the Council particularly to familiarize themselves with the facts and history of the Bus Lines situation. Mayor Sherfey seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication, signed by managers of ten baseball teams, was read, thanking the Council for granting the Torrance Industrial Softball League free lights for League games, and for all other courtesies which have been extended the League by the City Council. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Ellen M. Wright, 101 North Bandini Street, San Pedro, requesting a permit to operate a race track to race hopped up cars of all types with amateur drivers, of an age in accordance with existing age laws, on the Southwest corner of 230th Street and Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance.

Upon advice of Engineer Jain that the proponents of this plan have filed a Petition for Variance with the Planning Commission, Councilman Powell moved that the matter be held in abeyance until

such time as a report may be rendered by the Planning Commission relative to the Petition for Variance, and that a copy of the communication read above be forwarded to the Planning Commission. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Frank R. Bates, requesting an extension of time on a permit given him to occupy a tent house at 24237 Madison Street, WALTERIA, claiming scarcity of building materials for a house he expects to construct on the property as his reason for requiring an extension.

After a period of discussion, Councilman Tolson moved that Mr. Frank R. Bates be granted an extension of ninety days for occupancy of his tent house at 24237 Madison Street, WALTERIA. Mayor Sherfey seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Charles H. Rodgers, requesting refund on unused portion of a Business License he obtained in February for the operation of a service station at 2121 Carson Street, claiming that illness had compelled him to close the business.

Councilman Powell moved that the unused portion of the Business License above referred to be refunded. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES:
 COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

A communication was read from Harry Guthbert, 1417 $\frac{1}{2}$ Marcelina Street, requesting refund of the unused portion of Business License No. 618, issued April 4, 1946, and unused since May 13, 1946.

Councilman Tolson moved that the unused portion of the Business License above-referred to, be refunded. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

A communication was read from Bernice Davison Blonk, South Bay Humane Society, requesting that the contract between the South Bay Humane Society and the City of Torrance be renewed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1946. She called attention to the fact that something should be done to abate the nuisance existing in the form of open sump holes, into which animals fall.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Clerk be authorized to advise Mrs. Bernice Davison Blonk that the contract between the City of Torrance and the South Bay Humane Society will be renewed for the 1946-47 fiscal year with the same terms as the contract for the 1945-46 fiscal year contained. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES:
 COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

A communication was read from Mrs. Rayonette C. Brown, 1008 Crenshaw Boulevard, applying for a position held by her as a crossing guard prior to the war, and requesting that she be assigned the crossing on Torrance and Crenshaw Boulevards in this capacity during the ensuing school term beginning in September, 1946.

Councilman Powell moved that this communication be referred to Chief Stroh of the Police Department for his files in connection with job applications. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 8:35 P.M., Councilman Gilbert arrived.

A communication was read from Boy Scouts of America, Los Angeles Area Council, signed by Arthur A. Schuck, Scout Executive, relative to Camp Vaughn Scott in the Hollywood Riviera Section of the City of Torrance. It was stated that the camp is proving to be extremely popular and that certain improvements are contemplated, i.e., rest rooms and washing facilities, said improvements to be made by the Boy Scouts of America organization provided the City of Torrance will grant a long term lease to the Boy Scouts of America for exclusive use of the property in question.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this matter be referred over to the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 1946. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, referring to the matter of a recent water service connection made at the General Petroleum Corporation plant on Crenshaw Boulevard south of 190th Street, and referring to previous correspondence with the City Council relative to the matter. An invoice in the amount of \$4,802.32 covering cost incurred was enclosed.

Clerk Bartlett advised that the City has billed General Petroleum for this item, it having been the understanding that General Petroleum Corporation will pay the entire cost of same. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the State of California, Office of The Controller, advising that the method of apportionment of the motor vehicle license fee ("in lieu" tax) has been changed as a result of legislation enacted in 1945, Chapter 1020, Statutes of 1945 and setting forth the details of said change. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Lawndale Civic Association, addressed to the City Council and Planning Commission, expressing appreciation for courtesy shown Lawndale property owners in recent action taken in denying a zoning variance applied for by Community Airports, Incorporated for construction of certain buildings and facilities on property in North Torrance in connection with an airport. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the State of California Division of Beaches and Parks, advising that the State Park Commission will hold its next regular meeting in Los Angeles May 18, 1946 in the California State Building, Room 115, for discussion of shoreline acquisition, and requesting that the City of Torrance send a delegate to the meeting.

Councilman Powell moved that Councilman Tolson be delegated to attend the meeting if his schedule permits. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Richfield Oil Corporation, enclosing check in the amount of \$217.48 representing 2% of gross receipts in accordance with terms of City of Torrance Franchise Ordinance No. 92 and County of Los Angeles Franchise Ordinance No. 1358-1361 for the period January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Tide Water Associated Oil Company, Associated Division, advising that for the twelve months preceding April 30, 1946, no receipts or earnings were collected or received by said company from the transportation of oil through that part of the system lying within the City limits of the City of Torrance under terms of Los Angeles County Ordinance No. 1014. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, enclosing a certified copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board on April 23, 1946, declaring Western Avenue, within the City of Torrance, to be a part of the County system of highways, and requesting consent of said City to its improvement by the County.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1772

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE CONSENTING TO ESTABLISH-
MENT OF A PORTION OF WESTERN AVENUE AS A
PART OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1772 be adopted. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for approval and read in full an agreement between the City of Torrance and Arthur C. Sullivan covering ambulance service for the period April 1, 1946 to June 30, 1946.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement as read. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson, addressing Engineer Jain, asked whether or not the action taken in adopting Resolution No. 1772 in connection with the Western Avenue matter had been in order, Engineer Jain's reply being in the affirmative.

A communication was read from Dale Riley, Superintendent of the Recreation Department, recommending that Mrs. Vivian Callihan, who resigned her position with the City April 30, 1946, be granted vacation pay on the basis of her twenty-eight hour work week, or fifty-six hours at the rate of \$1.00 per hour, in view of the fact that she has worked a full year for the City.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the recommendation of Mr. Riley be concurred in by the Council.

A short discussion ensued as to whether or not a part-time employee is entitled to vacation, with mention being made of crossing guards, who are also part-time employees. It was stated, however, that crossing guards do not work continuously for an entire year, the condition which qualifies an employee for vacation allowances.

Councilman Tolson seconded Councilman Gilbert's motion to concur in the recommendation of Mr. Riley, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Dale Riley, Superintendent of the Recreation Department, recommending that the request received at the last Council meeting from the Loyal Order of Moose, Torrance Lodge No. 785 for use of the Municipal Park and Ball Ground on September 2, 1946, for a picnic, be granted, subject to the Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament which may terminate on the night of the picnic. He stated that Mr. Barker is agreeable to these terms.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the recommendation of Mr. Riley be concurred in by the Council. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board recommending that on July 1, 1946, the City of Torrance discontinue all temporary war emergency employment and return to regular Civil Service procedure. It was stated that all persons employed on or after that date must be selected from the eligible lists held by the clerk of the Personnel Board, as set forth in Rule IX, Section 1, and, further, that all present war emergency employees will be given written notification of this action, and all employees working on a temporary basis on that date will be replaced by qualified civil service employees as rapidly as possible.

It was further stated that all employees now under Civil Service, but residing outside the City of Torrance, will be given a reasonable length of time to establish their residence in the City of Torrance, or until definite action is taken by the Board setting a date at which time all employees will be required to live within the boundaries of the City of Torrance.

It was requested that the Council concur in the above recommendation.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the recommendation of the Civil Service Board as set forth above, be concurred in.

Councilman Tolson said he felt the matter should be given further consideration by the Council before taking definite action, bringing up the question of whether or not there will be enough replacements to fill all positions vacated by war emergency employees.

Councilman Powell said he would favor meeting with the Civil Service Board for a discussion of the entire matter due to the fact that the acute housing shortage will undoubtedly cause some workers to lose their positions if a definite time is established and no houses are available for occupancy by that time.

Mayor Sherfey said he is sure the Civil Service Board has all these facts in mind and does not intend to work a hardship on any employee of the City.

Mr. Raymond, a member of the Civil Service Board, addressed the Council orally, stating that it has become urgently necessary that this action be taken. He said there are enough job applications to fill all vacancies which may arise through this procedure, and stated that it is unjust to the citizens of the town who are qualified to take examinations and be placed on eligible lists to continue the employment of employees who were hired with the understanding their positions were temporary, war emergency appointments. He said that the time which has been set, July 1, 1946, should allow sufficient time for necessary adjustments.

After a brief period of continued discussion, Councilman Gilbert withdrew his motion as above-stated and moved that the City Clerk be authorized to notify the Civil Service Board that the City Council is desirous of meeting with the Civil Service Board for the purpose of discussing the above subject at length, said meeting to be held at the earliest possible date. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board, advising that the City Council recently took action on several personnel matters which rightfully should have been referred to the Civil Service Board for investigation and necessary action. It was requested that, in the future, all personnel matters be referred to the Board for necessary action.

Upon request of Councilman Gilbert that the Civil Service Board provide the Council with a list of the cases above-referred to, Mayor Sherfey advised that the matters have all been adjusted to the satisfaction of the Civil Service Board, and that the above communication had been directed to the Council in connection with action in the future affecting personnel.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Torrance City Planning Commission, advising that, at a public hearing held before the City Planning Commission May 7, 1946, Case No. 41, Petition for Variance of Verla M. Davis for permission to operate a dog kennel on the southerly 300 feet of the westerly 264 feet of Lot No. 19, McDonald Tract, was considered.

It was recommended that the Petition for Variance as presented, be granted, and that the City Council concur in this action.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be concurred in. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Torrance City Planning Commission, advising that, at a public hearing held before the City Planning Commission May 7, 1946, Case No. 32, Petition for Variance of Robert E. McCaffrey to use the existing building located at 23030 Narbonne Avenue (Lot 13, Tract No. 15) for a general store handling groceries, hardware, second-hand furniture, etc., was considered by the Commission.

It was advised that petitions disapproving the application had outnumbered petitions approving same, and that the City Planning Commission had inspected the site on May 8, 1946.

It was recommended by the Planning Commission that the Petition for Variance be granted only for the operation of a Retail Commercial Store handling only new materials, and that no second-hand materials be sold from or on the premises, and recommended that the City Council concur in this action.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Torrance City Planning Commission, advising that, at a Regular Meeting of the Commission held May 7, 1946, revised Tentative Subdivision Tract Maps 13901 and 14016 were submitted showing changes in lot and street arrangement, and re-arrangement of easements, drainage provisions, etc., as requested by the City Engineer, to conform to the new layout.

It was stated that the Commission unanimously approved the revised Tentative Tract Maps as presented, and recommended that the City Council concur in these actions.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read relative to the California Fire Chiefs' Convention, whereupon Councilman Powell moved that the Fire Chief and other interested City officials, together with their respective wives, be authorized to attend the California Fire Chiefs' Conference, Southern Division, May 25, 1946 at Santa Monica, expenses paid. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, requesting that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for cleaning and repainting the high tower at the Pumping Plant.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request be complied with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A petition was presented, bearing fifteen signatures, of residents and/or property owners residing on Arlington Avenue between Sartori Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, requesting the Council to extend the regulation restricting parking of automobiles on the street in front of their property which type of regulation is at present in force on Arlington Avenue between Border and Sartori Avenues to cover the property between Sartori Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, limiting the parking to one hour.

Councilman Powell moved that the petition be referred to the Acting Chief of the Police Department for investigation and recommendation to the Council. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A petition bearing a great number of signatures was presented and read, advising that there is need of a City employee or auxiliary police in the District of Pueblo, and suggesting that Mr. Manuel Alvarez is fully qualified for the position.

A communication was read from Torrance High School, signed by Raymond J. Casey, Principal, advising that the administrators of Torrance High School concur with the statements written in the above petition, and urging that an appointment of an assistant recreational director for the Pueblo section be made.

Councilman Powell suggested referring the matter to the Recreation Department and the Police Department for recommendation. He said he felt that, if there be a need as above-stated, the City Council should have a voice in the selection of a suitable person.

Councilman Gilbert stated that there has been a great deal of discussion relative to this subject in both the Police and Recreation Departments, and moved that the petition and communication be referred to the Chief of Police and Superintendent of the Recreation Department and that a conference be held between them and the Recreation Committee of the City Council before considering action of any kind. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett stated that, in indexing of legal instruments, it had been disclosed that certain documents had been accepted by the City, but that the formality of authorizing their recording had been overlooked, whereupon he presented Resolutions authorizing the necessary recording.

First resolution presented and read by title being:

RESOLUTION NO. 1773

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT
FROM THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COM-
PANY AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1773 be adopted.
Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the
following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson,
Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT:
COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1774

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING PIPE LINE
LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE ATCHISON,
TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY
AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1774 be adopted.
Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the
following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson,
Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT:
COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1775

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION
OF AGREEMENT WITH THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC
RAILWAY COMPANY AND ORDERING RECORDING
OF SAME.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1775 be adopted.
Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the
following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson,
Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT:
COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1776

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXE-
CUTION OF QUITCLAIM DEED TO A. F. ANGER
TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY
OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1776 be adopted.
Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the
following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson,
Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT:
COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett reported orally that, in connection with
Municipal Water District No. 1 (Walteria-South Torrance), and with
proposed Municipal Water District No. 2 (North Torrance), valuations
are still being determined and re-checked, and that a definite report
should be ready for the next regular meeting. Matter of record.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of \$270.00 plus tax, be made for 600 feet 3/4" Booster line hose with couplings for the Fire Department. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that the volunteer firemen's compensation be increased to \$3.00 per hour for the first hour of a call and \$1.25 per hour thereafter; that regular firemen called out for duty on their days off be paid a minimum of four hours pay; and that a flat rate of \$3.00 per man, per drill, be paid, all retroactive to April 1, 1946. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Chief McMaster of the Fire Department be authorized to employ three (3) men for a period of one month, at a salary of \$205.00 per month each, to assist in abating the weed nuisance by removing the weeds from vacant lots. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that a search be made of the payroll records to determine whether or not there are any instances where employees of the City, upon entering the Armed Forces, failed to receive vacation pay, and that checks be prepared and forwarded to the employee or his family if any such cases exist. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that the City Engineer be authorized to rent a survey crew for intermittent use as required in making field surveys on street projects, being in accordance with a recommendation of Engineer Jain. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$76.50, plus tax, be made for 1000 gallons bitumuls from American Bitumuls Company for the Street Department. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$775.00 be made for road materials for resurfacing the north and south alley between Cabrillo Avenue and Andreo Avenue; that an appropriation of \$700.00 be made for road materials for resurfacing the north and south alley between Arlington and Gramercy Avenue. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that, upon recommendation of Engineer Jain, the City Engineer be authorized to place an order for a small roller at a cost of approximately \$1800.00 to replace the small Fordson roller which has served its period of usefulness; to be paid from the 1946-47 budget. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that, in accordance with a recommendation of Engineer Jain, Mr. Jain be authorized to place an order for an eight-

bank Marchant Semi-Automatic Calculator, at a cost of \$380.00, plus tax, for use in the Engineering Department to be paid from the 1946-47 budget. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that, in accordance with a recommendation of Engineer Jain, Mr. Jain be authorized to place an order for a cement cutting machine at a cost of not to exceed \$800.00 for cutting sidewalks, pavement, etc., to be paid from the 1946-47 budget. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$280.00 be made for lighting equipment for the Civic Auditorium. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson moved that, in accordance with a recommendation of the Shop Foreman of the Bus Garage, an appropriation of \$125.00 be made for painting and lettering Bus No. 106, Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson advised that he had received a communication from Mr. C. Z. Ward, Manager, Municipal Bus Lines, recommending that John G. Cox be reinstated as a Mechanic, Grade B, and moved that the recommendation be concurred in. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion.

Mayor Sherfey suggested that the matter be referred to the Civil Service Board for recommendation.

Mr. Raymond, Member of the Civil Service Board, advised orally that this matter is under advisement by the Board, and that it is hoped his status will be clarified at an early date. He advised that Mr. Cox is a probationary employee, and that, if he is appointed to another position, it will be necessary for him to start another probationary period. However, he said, a certain technicality in connection with the matter is being studied in an effort to arrive at a just decision in connection with Mr. Cox.

Councilman Tolson and Gilbert withdrew their motion and second, respectively, set forth above, and Councilman Tolson moved that the matter be held in abeyance pending a report from the Civil Service Board relative to present Civil Service status of Mr. John G. Cox, Bus Lines employee. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that the ornamental palm trees in the Civic Auditorium be ordered removed, inasmuch as they are being destroyed by the Teen-Agers group. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Mr. M. R. Clouch be employed as a Park Maintenance Man, at a salary of \$205.00 per month, effective May 1, 1946, on a temporary basis, pending a Civil Service examination, replacing John Fess, transferred to the Recreation Department. Councilman Powell seconded the motion.

Councilman Tolson asked whether or not this is in order, or whether or not employees hired henceforth should be taken from the Civil Service eligible lists.

Mr. Raymond advised that, to his knowledge, there is no eligible list at this time for Park workers, but that an examination is scheduled for the near future at which time those who so desire may take the examination, including those employees who are employed subject to Civil Service examinations. He said this action is in order, since it constitutes temporary employment subject to the examination.

A vote was taken upon the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of \$262.50 be made for spraying Oak trees on City of Torrance streets. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the salary of Thomas McNeil, Park Maintenance Man, be adjusted by increasing it to \$225.00 per month, effective May 1, 1946, based on his advanced gardening experience.

The question arose as to whether or not this should be referred to the Civil Service Board for recommendation, whereupon Councilman Gilbert stated that it is within the jurisdiction of the City Council to act upon salary adjustment matters. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Mrs. LaGretta Jenkins be employed to work at the Arts and Crafts Center, Recreation Department, effective May 7, 1946, at a wage of 75¢ per hour with permission to increase this wage to \$1.00 per hour as she becomes proficient in her work, subject to a Civil Service Examination, to replace Mrs. Vivian Callihan who resigned April 30, 1946. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert reported that he expects to meet with the Teen-Agers group May 15, 1946 to determine whether or not they are willing to relinquish the Civic Auditorium on the evening of June 22, 1946 to accommodate the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, which church has requested use of the building on that evening.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$611.16 be made for purchase of one 16" L.C. deep well turbine bowl assembly from Pomona Manufacturing Company, subject to price change, and less trade-in allowance on assembly now on pump, Municipal Water District. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$572.76, plus tax, be made for supplies for stock for the Water Department. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$1000.00 be made to bring the maps of the Water Department up to date, which includes a set of maps for the Engineering, Water and Fire Departments. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Jain reported that, in connection with the estimate of cost of repairs and shelving in the basement of the Library building, which he was instructed to furnish, he is preparing same for presentation at a later meeting.

Engineer Jain recommended that, in connection with a recent request that Eldorado Street be made a through Street, the matter be deferred at this time due to impracticability of the proposal.

Engineer Jain reported that the recent request that the poor drainage condition on Bailey and Hickman Drives, North Torrance, be remedied, is being complied with.

Engineer Jain advised that, in connection with a request received at the last meeting from the Los Angeles City Board of Education that the poor drainage condition at the Torrance Elementary School site be remedied, his department is studying the matter at this time and believes that they have arrived at a solution of the problem.

Engineer Jain advised that the recent order given him to investigate the condition of the curve at Torrance Boulevard and Western Avenue will involve maintenance work and resurfacing of the roadway.

Deputy City Attorney Willett advised that Mr. John E. McCall, City Attorney, who is in Washington, D. C. at the present time, has been in touch with him and furnished certain information in connection with the airport question, and also pertaining to the question of "what constitutes an airport", which, he said, is being determined by the courts, and will render a written report on the afore-mentioned matter upon his return from Washington.

Mayor Sherfey asked what action, if any, had been taken in connection with a recent request that the Council request the Governor to have assigned to the City of Torrance one or more Infantry Troops of the California National Guard. Councilman Tolson stated that the matter had been discussed at various times, and that some thought had been given to allowing an armory building on Cabrillo Avenue adjacent to the City Park as an inducement.

Councilman Tolson moved that this matter be placed on the agenda of the May 22, 1946 informal meeting. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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

At 9:55 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Tolson, the meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE