

Torrance, California
June 3, 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 Monday, June 3, 1946 at 7:20 P.M.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being
Councilmen: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent:
Councilmen: None.

Being an Adjourned Meeting, the regular order of business
was dispensed with.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Edward Saul, 2636 West 174th
Street, North Torrance, expressing a desire to serve as a member
of the City Planning Commission when a vacancy occurs.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the communication be filed for
future reference. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which
was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Torrance Area Projects, request-
ing use of the city owned lots on the corner of El Prado and Cravens
Avenues for the forthcoming five-day celebration, July 3 to 7, 1946,
inclusive. It was advised that, if the request is granted, a tent
will be erected on the lots for exhibition purposes.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request be granted. Council-
man Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Torrance Area Projects, requesting that El Prado Street, from Cravens Avenue to Sartori Avenue, be closed during the forthcoming five-day celebration (July 3 to July 7, 1946, both dates inclusive) to facilitate the operation of numerous concessions and attractions in the Midway and Carnival sections.

It was further requested that, in order to obtain the maximum number of concessions and attractions to operate, all license fees be obiated, this request being based on the fact that all net proceeds are to be devoted to organizations and charities.

Councilman Tolson moved that the above two requests be granted. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, urging the Council to take immediate action on the pending request of long standing for the preparation of a new city charter to be prepared by the City Attorney.

Attorney McCall reported that he is working on the charter and is preparing a proposed ordinance for presentation to the Council. He stated that he obtained the services of a secretary today and hopes to complete certain work which has been neglected because of lack of a secretary. He said he hoped to have something to present to the Council on the charter matter at the next meeting.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Clerk be authorized to notify Mr. Blaine Walker, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, relative to progress of work being done by Mr. McCall, City Attorney, on the charter question. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from W. H. Stanger, Water Superintendent, and John E. McCall, City Attorney, advising that the bids opened at the meeting of May 28, 1946, for cleaning and painting the High Tower for the Water Department, had been checked, and recommending that the contract be awarded to Action Industrial Painting Service, low bidder, for the sum of \$2100.00.

Councilman Powell moved that the contract for painting the High Tower for Municipal Water District No. 1 be awarded to Action Industrial Painting Service, low bidder, for the sum of \$2100.00 in accordance with the recommendation of Mr. Stanger and Mr. McCall. Councilman Tolson (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 all other bids received for cleaning and painting the High Tower for Municipal Water District No. 1 be rejected, and deposits ordered returned. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 369

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING BUSINESS
LICENSE ORDINANCE NO. 235 AND REPEALING
CERTAIN OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 369 be adopted for final reading. 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 Mayor Sherfey be authorized to attend a Traffic Safety Conference in the Assembly Chamber, Sacramento, June 7, 1946, 10:00 A.M. for discussion of means of putting into effect State, County and City traffic safety program recommended at the President's Safety Conference in Washington, D. C., expenses paid. 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 Gilbert moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$875.00 be made for one Disston power chain saw for the street tree crew (Park Department), to be paid from the 1946-47 budget.

Councilman Powell stated that some question had been raised about legality of making appropriations during one fiscal year for payment from the budget of the forthcoming fiscal year.

Councilman Gilbert stated that, inasmuch as a price change is expected shortly on this piece of equipment, it is the desire of the Department head to have the order placed while the above-mentioned price is in effect, it being understood that an order placed now will not be affected by the change in price.

Clerk Bartlett pointed out that anything ordered during this month (June) will not become due and payable until July, which begins the new fiscal year.

Councilman Gilbert amended his motion by moving that, instead of appropriating the funds at this time, the Park Superintendent, Mr. Fred Blake, be authorized to place an order at this time for one Disston power chain saw for the Park Department, it being understood that the price will be \$875.00. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City of Torrance repay to Municipal Water District No. 1 \$15,000.00 of a loan made by the Water Company to the City of Torrance during the 1945-46 fiscal year. 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.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Manuel Alvarez, House No. 15, 203rd Street, Pueblo, asked what action had been taken relative to a recent petition presented requesting that he be employed as a Recreation Director for the community of Pueblo. He implied that Mr. Dale Riley, Superintendent of the Recreation Department, is instrumental in having the matter held in abeyance, reciting various incidents which have occurred in the past which, he said, have prejudiced Mr. Riley to the extent that he would not favor Mr. Alvarez for this position.

A discussion followed, in which it was pointed out that all personnel matters are handled by the City Council, and that Mr. Riley is in no manner responsible for whatever action which might be taken in this matter. Councilman Gilbert pointed out that this matter had been referred for study in the same routine manner all such requests are referred to various committees. He added that much study has been given the subject of recreation for Pueblo and that Mr. Riley has indicated keen interest in improving recreation facilities in the area.

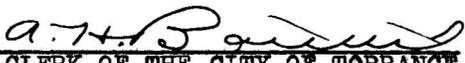
Councilman Tolson stated that, although the Council can appreciate the benefits to be derived from having recreation directors for every little group or community in the City, such a program would be utterly impossible, as there are nowhere near enough funds to carry out such a broad recreation program. He pointed out that the district of Pueblo comprises only a small percentage of the population of the City, and that the City cannot afford a full time director for every group in the City which may desire this service.

It was stated that it had been the opinion of the committee that funds which are available would be better invested if spent for equipment and recreation facilities, rather than employ a director and sacrifice purchase of necessary equipment.

Mayor Sherfey, referring to the minutes of the meeting of May 14, 1946, advised Mr. Alvarez that the Council had taken action at that time to refer the petition to the Recreation Committee and the Police Chief for recommendation, and pointed out that, inas-

much as the Police Chief is still in Washington, D. C., no action could have been taken to date because of this fact.

At 8:45 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE