

Torrance, California
October 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 Ad-
journed Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance,
California, on Tuesday, October 29, 1946 at 7:55 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.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Tolson moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting
held October 8, 1946, the minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting
held October 15, 1946, and the minutes of a Regular Meeting held
October 22, 1946 be approved as written. Councilman Jackson
seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from James Van Dyck, Director of
Torrance Area Youths Band, formerly known as Boys Club Band, inform-
ing the City Council of the change in the name of the organization

and asking reassurance that they be granted continued use of the Civic Auditorium on portions of Thursdays and Wednesdays for rehearsals.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Clerk Bartlett be authorized to notify Mr. Van Dyck of the City Council's approval and reassurance. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Jack Isen, 924 South Catalina Street, Los Angeles, protesting the inclusion of the sale of distilled spirits, beer and wine under the City Sales Tax of Torrance. He stated that other neighboring cities have recently adopted similar sales tax ordinances, but that they had specifically exempted the sale of the above items, considering the fact that the State and Federal Governments are already collecting taxes for these sales.

A communication was read from Inez Robinson, Chief Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County, stating that a resolution was adopted by the Board on October 15th, authorizing an appropriation of \$8,209.73 for the improvement of drainage in Gramercy Place within the City of Torrance.

A communication was read from Herbert Herzenberg, Field Representative for the Accident Prevention Bureau, State of California Department of Motor Vehicles, requesting that a time and place be set for a visit by him with a designated, responsible party in the City of Torrance, in order to further the plans to promote safety on our streets and highways.

Councilman Tolson moved that Mr. Herzenberg's communication be referred to Chief of Police John H. Stroh, for further action. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from W. F. Bergstrom, City Clerk of the City of Palos Verdes Estates, California, stating that the traffic "STOP" sign, presently located at the southeast intersection of Newton Street and Hawthorne Avenue has created dissatisfaction among the citizens of Palos Verdes Estates, and requesting the adjustment or the removal of the stop if safety permits.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this communication be referred to Chief of Police John H. Stroh, for further consideration. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Luke C. Nickol, Recording Secretary of the Local 1414, United Steelworkers of America, CIO, requesting that the City Council support the employment of Veterans under Civil Service.

Councilman Powell moved that this communication be filed for future study and reference by the Council. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Kenneth K. Wright, 215 West Seventh Street, Los Angeles, informing Mr. W. H. Stanger, Manager of the Torrance Water Company that he had been suggested for appointment to the Division of Water Resources at the West Basin Adjudication, and requesting that Mr. Gleason of the Division of Water Resources, State Building, Los Angeles be notified of the decision.

Councilman Tolson moved that Mr. Stanger be appointed in the above capacity and that Clerk Bartlett be authorized to notify Mr. Gleason to this effect. Mayor Sherfey seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Earnest E. Elliott, 4439½ East 54th Street, Maywood, requesting a refund for Building Permit No. 6128 which he has decided not to use, due to difficulty in obtaining building materials.

Councilman Tolson moved that Mr. Elliott be granted the refund. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell,

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Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Sam LaGrasso and Harold Werson requesting a permit to build temporary, fireproof construction on a lot at 1311 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance, said building to be approximately 8' by 12' and to be used as a taxi stand.

Councilman Tolson moved that this matter be referred to City Engineer Glenn M. Jain for investigation into the type of materials to be used and for other necessary action. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Frances P. Wheeler, Acting Secretary of the Library Board of Trustees, Torrance, requesting that the Council take action on the communication submitted to that Group last April in regard to the dampness in the basement of the Torrance Branch, L. A. County Public Library.

Councilman Tolson reported that he had attended a meeting of the Library Board of Trustees held October 24, 1946 and was convinced that the building was in serious need of some device to keep water out of the basement in the wintertime as it was destroying books and papers stored there. He suggested the use of a door to shelter the stairway from incoming rain and also suggested rebuilding the stairs, as they are too steep for safety.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City Engineer Glenn M. Jain be authorized to make an estimate on the cost of the foregoing work at the next Council Meeting. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Raymond J. Casey, Chairman of the Torrance District Welfare Council, asking the City Council's permission to place the Mobile X-ray Unit of the Los Angeles Tuberculosis and Health Association in connection with the Municipal Auditorium from January 13, through January 17, 1947 and possibly January 18, and asking whether the City of Torrance would be willing to contribute the necessary electric power for its operation during those days.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Mr. Casey's requests be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the United Sulphur Company, 1811 - 213th Street, Torrance, signed by Harry A. Medley, requesting a permit to build and operate a mixing plant for dry chemical fertilizer on their property.

Councilman Tolson moved that this matter be referred to the Planning Commission. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Frank R. Bates, 24237 Madison Street, WALTERIA, accompanied by a recommendation from the Veterans Service Center, requesting permission to move into his house as soon as he encloses it with building paper. He is now living in a tent-house and plans to sell it to buy siding and material for doors and windows to complete the house.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request be granted and that Mr. Bates be notified to remove his tent-house at the earliest possible time. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J. G. Caldwell, Director of the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, dated October 29, 1946, submitting suggestions for emergency housing in the Torrance Area. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Mr. J. O. Patterson, 18321½ South Western Avenue, Gardena, requesting permission to park his trailer house in Mr. J. M. Halsey's yard at the foregoing address until he can pass the examination for a barber's license and know what his future plans will be.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Mr. Patterson be granted a 90-day permit to park his trailer house at the above address. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A Petition, signed by forty-two persons, was read, protesting against the parking restriction of four hours along the portion of Arlington Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and Sierra Street. The Petition stated that this block is entirely residential and that there is no existing local condition to justify such restriction.

Councilman Powell moved that Chief of Police John H. Stroh be instructed to meet with the entire City Council and make a decision on the matter, and to have a report ready for the next Regular Meeting. Mayor Sherfey seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, recommending that the City Council authorize the collection of a deposit of \$100.00 with each Petition for Vacation proceedings, the Petitioners distributing the cost among themselves as they see fit. Any balance remaining after the costs are deducted will be returned to the Petitioners. At least \$15.00 will be charged for investigation and consideration alone of any Petition for Vacation. If the Petition is rejected by the Planning Commission and the City Council, the remainder of the \$100.00 deposit (\$85.00) will be refunded.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Engineer's recommendation be concurred in and that the party recently requesting information regarding the Vacation of portions of 244th Street, between Hawthorne Avenue and Madison Street to reduce the present one hundred foot width of this Street to sixty feet, (the original Petition having been mislaid)* of the newly adopted fee of \$100.00 per Petition for Vacation. Mayor Sherfey seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

* be notified

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Torrance City Planning Commission, approving the Petition for Variance, Case No. 58, of Charles F. Gotts to construct and operate a Miniature Golf Course, Sandwich Stand and to erect a six foot by six foot non-flashing metal neon sign.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Torrance City Planning Commission, denying the Petition for Variance, Case No. 59, of George Tomajic to construct and operate an Auto Court at 4129 Pacific Coast Highway on the westerly half of Lot 8, Meadow Park Tract. The Commission's decision was based principally upon the fact that adequate sewerage facilities were not available; that the ground was subject to high flood water levels; and that it would not alleviate the present housing shortage.

Councilman Powell moved that the Planning Commission's action be concurred in. Mayor Sherfey seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Torrance City Planning Commission, approving the Petition for Variance, Case No. 60, of Sam Goldfaden, to construct and operate a Trailer Camp at 1804-20 Torrance Boulevard on Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 117, Tract No. 2807.

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

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

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ORDINANCE NO. 379

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IMPOSING A LICENSE TAX FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SELLING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AT RETAIL, PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTING AND PAYING OF SUCH TAX, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF.

Councilman Gilbert moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 379 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 379 be adopted for second and 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1804

RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF TRUNK SEWERS, SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANTS AND OUTFALL SEWERS FOR DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE FROM COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY INCLUDING THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1804 be dispensed with. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1804 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. 1805

RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF TRUNK SEWERS, SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANTS AND OUTFALL SEWERS FOR DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE FROM COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY INCLUDING THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1805 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1805 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1806

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR ACCUMULATION OF THE 1/4 CENT GAS TAX ALLOCATED FOR STREETS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1806 be dispensed with. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1806 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.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of \$79.50 be made for the purchase of a letter size filing cabinet with lock for the Police Department. 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 Powell moved that an appropriation of \$60.00 be made for the purchase of two crossing guard houses. 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 Powell reported that he had received a letter from Fire Chief J. E. McMaster stating that a City-owned fire hydrant, located on Oak Street between Carson and Jefferson Streets, should be referred to Ideco Company for purchase at \$135.00, if they so desire, since Oak Street has been vacated and is no longer City property. He recommended that the hydrant, if not purchased by Ideco, be transferred to another location in the City.

Councilman Powell moved that this matter be referred to Councilman Jackson, who is now employed by the Ideco Company. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Fire Chief J. E. McMaster be authorized to attend the Pacific Coast Firemen's Convention in Long Beach on Wednesday, October 30, 1946, 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.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$100.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of 1,000 feet of No. 8 solid-wire street-lighting cable for replacement. 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 Gilbert reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Dale Riley, Superintendent of Recreation, requesting permission to trade a supply of badminton equipment for new athletic equipment, such as; basketballs, footballs, etc., which are more in demand at this time than the badminton equipment.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the trading of this equipment be authorized. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$89.50 be made for the purchase of a legal size filing cabinet with lock for the City Clerk's Office. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$447.72 be made for the purchase of 4 - 2" Compound Meters for the Water 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.

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Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$572.95 be made for the purchase of materials for Water Department Stock. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$225.46 be made for the purchase of materials for Water Department Stock. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$236.78 be made for the purchase of Couplings and Lead Goosenecks for Water Department Stock. 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 Tolson moved that all bills properly audited be 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.

At 8:40 p.m., upon motion by Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Mayor Sherfey, the meeting adjourned.

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

APPROVED:

John Sherfey Jr.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE