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Torrance, California
November 18, 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 on Monday, November 18, 1946, at 4:45 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 assemblage saluted the Flag.

Mayor Sherfey announced that, this being an Adjourned Meeting,
the regular order of business would be dispensed with.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

An application, filed by Marie E. Frohman, was presented, re-
questing a Taxicab Owner's Permit for one of the Yellow Cab Company's
taxis at 1605 Gramercy Avenue. The application had been approved by
Chief of Police John H. Stroh.

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

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, ad-
vising that Mr. Albert Henry Koehler, grease man in the City Garage,
was recently laid off due to the fact that he was a war-time emergency
employee and was past the age limit for Civil Service eligibility.
Mr. Jain recommended that, since Mr. Koehler had completed four years
of service and had only received three vacations, he be granted ten
days' vacation pay for his last year of service at his most recent
rate of pay, \$215.00 per month.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the recommendation of the City
Engineer be concurred in. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion
which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCIL-

MEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. **NOES:** COUNCILMEN: None. **ABSENT:** COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, advising that the Petition of Joe Capellino, Case No. 54, to Change the Zoning on the 1.04 acre parcel at the northeast corner of 174th Street and Hawthorne Avenue (a portion of Lot 14, McDonald Tract) from A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone to a C-2 (General Commercial) Zone was considered further at a meeting of the Commission held November 6, 1946, having originally been presented at the October 1, 1946 meeting. The Commission gave its unanimous approval to grant a Zone Variance, rather than a Change of Zone, to permit Mr. Capellino to construct a Feed Store on this property.

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

A communication was read from W. C. Bradford, Secretary of the Civil Service Board, giving an account, as requested by the Council on November 12, 1946, of Mr. John Waugh's reinstatement to the Park Department on October 23, 1946, following the public hearing which was held by the Board to consider the merits of his discharge. Upon inquiry by Mayor Sherfey, Deputy Attorney Otto B. Willett advised that decisions in the handling of Civil Service Employees other than the Department Heads do not rest with the City Council; but that the Council has the authority to consider each appointment or dismissal, (as well as other matters pertaining to subordinate employees), recommended by the Department Heads of the City, and therefore, to approve or disapprove of the decisions made. Therefore, in an indirect manner, the Council has jurisdiction in Civil Service matters.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the matter of Mr. Waugh's reinstatement be held for future study by the Council. Councilman Gilbert offered his second to the motion, providing that it include the action on this case be held up until an entire history of the matter is obtained by the Council; which combined motion was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett reported that he had received copies of Mr. Logan R. Cotton's recently completed audit report of the Torrance Area Project Accounts in connection with the Veterans' Homecoming Celebration held July 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1946. In this report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office, Mr. Cotton set forth \$6,697.37 as the amount of deficit.

Councilman Powell reminded the Council members that \$2500.00 had been appropriated by them to underwrite the Torrance Area Project in the above-mentioned celebration and that all of it had been spent legitimately excepting the small remaining portion of about \$200.00. He recommended that the Council be extremely careful in the future in regard to appropriating money to promoters.

Councilman Gilbert stated that he believed everyone to be satisfied that the celebration was a success and that the Torrance Area Project and the Council were to be commended for a job well done. However, he declared, mistakes were made that should be avoided in the future.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Council appropriate an amount to pay off this debt of \$6,697.37. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which failed to carry by the following roll call vote: **AYES:** COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson. **NOES:** COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. **ABSENT:** COUNCILMEN: None.

A statement from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was reported to have been received by Clerk Bartlett, listing expense in the amount of \$1,191.72.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this matter be taken up at a later date. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 381

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR LICENSING AND REGULATING THE CARRYING ON OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONS, TRADES, CALLINGS AND OCCUPATIONS CARRIED ON WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE; REPEALING ORDINANCES NO. 235 AND NO. 235-A, AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Councilman Gilbert moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 381 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 381 be adopted for first reading. 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 a new list of Auditorium rental rates as follows:

Use of Hall only	\$35.00
Use of Kitchen	15.00
Use of Public Address System	10.00
Use of Kleig Lights	5.00
In addition to the above:	
Banquets	.10 per plate

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Councilman Tolson moved that the new rates as listed be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey, in answer to Councilman Gilbert's inquiry, stated that the above fees will be charged only in cases where an admission fee is charged.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of \$500.00 be made for the purchase of Christmas Street Decorations equipment. 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 the employment of John Maestri by the Police Department, as of November 16, 1946, on probation, at \$210.00 a month, be authorized. This position is for the replacement of George Dolton who has taken a six months' leave of absence. 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 Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$500.00 be made for the purchase of a concrete mixer, to replace the old one now beyond repair, for the Street 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.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City Attorney, John E. McCall, be instructed to prepare a new ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 378, on the Parking Meter Installation. Mayor Sherfey seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously following Councilman Powell's statement that, in view of the amount of protest to the Parking Meters as registered in the referendum petitions recently submitted to the City Clerk's office, he would support the vote to repeal the ordinance. However, he stated, he was in favor of the Parking Meters previously, considering the fact that the City is so desperately in need of revenue to carry on its business.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$4612.00 be made for the purchase of one used 1945 Model, 10 Ton Ford Truck with two spare tires and all equipment belonging to the truck. This truck is to replace the 1934 Dodge truck on heavy hauling. 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.

Mayor Sherfey asked the Stenographer if an appropriation had been made at a previous meeting for the Jeep the Water Department is now using. According to the record of appropriations, none had been made, nor any written request for such submitted by Mr. Stanger of the Water Department. Mayor Sherfey suggested that the matter be taken care of at the next meeting.

Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, addressed the Council stating that, with the work on the proposed sewer districts in Walteria and in south Torrance to begin possibly in the early part of the summer, an amount of \$13,000.00 to cover trunk lines of these two districts will have to come out of the General Fund, unless some other source of revenue is found, as the assessment districts will not be formed for some time after the next fiscal period. He declared that it might be a feasible plan to prepare statements for submission to the State and Federal Governments and see what financial help may be obtained from either source; that if they should donate any amount at all it would be of considerable value in constructing these sewer districts.

Mayor Sherfey informed Mr. Jain of the fact that at a meeting he had attended of the League of California Cities, a Mr. Ely of the State Building in Los Angeles, was present who has been active in representing various city officials in need of financial help in securing loans from the State and Federal Governments with the stipulation that the loans be paid back when the project is completed.

Mayor Sherfey asked Mr. Jain if he wished the Council to authorize him to apply for this aid, to which Mr. Jain replied that he would.

Councilman Tolson moved that Mr. Jain be authorized to make application to both the State and Federal Governments through Mr. Ely, in an effort to secure these loans. 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.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. R. I. Plomert, General Petroleum representative and member of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requested that a copy of the Business License Ordinance, No. 381, be furnished him at an early date.

Councilman Gilbert moved that 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 5:16 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Tolson, the meeting adjourned.

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

APPROVED:

John H. Sherfey, Jr.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE