

Torrance, California
January 28, 1947

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, January 28, 1947 at 7:55 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.

Councilman Jackson moved that the minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 21, 1947 be approved as written. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Sherfey announced that the Public Hearing, called to receive protests against the decision of the Torrance City Planning Commission on Petition for Variance, Case No. 65, for permission to construct and operate a gasoline service station at the corner of Redondo Beach Boulevard and Prairie Avenue, which was filed by Community Airports, Inc., would be held at this time.

There being no protests, either written or oral, Councilman Tolson moved that the City Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to grant the Variance and approve the construction of said service station. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Divco-California Company, 3311 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, offering a bid of \$975.00 cash for the City's 1942 International with Metro body with the understanding that the interior accessories will be removed.

Councilman Powell moved that this bid be rejected by the Council. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Ben Haggott, Realtor, 8 Malaga Cove Plaza, Palos Verdes Estates, with reference to the Planning Commission's rejection of the request to delete sidewalks in Tract No. 13901. He explained that the installation of sidewalks in this Tract would tend to destroy the delightful atmosphere that will otherwise be created. He requested that permission be granted to complete street improvements without sidewalks.

Councilman Jackson moved that the City Clerk be authorized and directed to arrange a meeting between the Planning Commission and the Council on Tuesday, February 4, 1947 at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of discussing this problem. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Torrance Lodge No. 785, Loyal Order of Moose, extending an invitation to the Mayor and the City Council to attend the presentation of the Iron Lung to the City by the Lodge to be held Wednesday, February 19, 1947 at 8:00 p.m. It was advised that arrangements are being made whereby the Art Sullivan Ambulance Service will install batteries in the ambulance to handle the lung at all times.

A communication was read from Paul Sheedy, Attorney at Law, Suite 856 Chamber of Commerce Building, Los Angeles, advising that he would present and prosecute the charges filed against Captain J. J. Benner before the Civil Service Hearing for a fee of \$150.00. If additional appearances are required, he stated, his fee would be \$50.00 for each such subsequent appearance.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Council accept Mr. Sheedy's offer. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Bumpus & McKinlay, Attorneys at Law, 16418 South Vermont Avenue, Gardena, making claim in behalf of Mr. Ernest Frum for the restoration of soil removed by the City at his lot on the corner of 166th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard during the process of the widening of Crenshaw by the Street Department crew. Mr. Frum demands that the soil, which was removed for an area about 30 by 175 feet and to a depth of two feet and more by City equipment and men, be restored at City expense.

Councilman Jackson moved that this matter be referred to the City Engineer and to the City Attorney for recommendation to the Council. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from John A. Shidler, City Judge, requesting a reimbursement of \$7.78 for private funds expended for food consumed by nine jurors on January 10, 1947.

Councilman Powell moved that this request be referred to the entire City Council for further action. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Lester C. Fix, Box 342, requesting a refund for his business license in the amount of \$24.00. He was formerly doing business as the Fix Garage, 2271 - 231st Street and has now taken a position with a trucking firm. He also enclosed his Sales Tax Report and a check in the amount of \$4.26 to pay sales tax due.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Mr. Fix's license fee of \$24.00 be refunded to him. 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 Mr. Fred P. Flowers, 23836 Park Street, Welteria, formerly doing business as the Yellow Cab Company of Torrance, requesting a refund for City Cab Licenses Nos. 1033 and 1034 in the amount of \$50.00, due to the fact that he is unable to carry on the business.

Councilman Powell moved that Mr. Flowers be granted the refund. 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 the Challenge Cream & Butter Association, 925-29 E. Second Street, Los Angeles, requesting a refund of \$12.00 due to the fact that they are operating wholesale dairy routes only, the license for which is \$24.00, instead of \$36.00 which was originally charged.

Councilman Tolson moved that the \$12.00 refund be made. 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 the Engineering Offices of Taylor & Taylor, 725 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, advising that the Southern Pipe and Casing Company, contractor for the 16,000 feet of 10" and 12" steel pipe for the transmission line for Municipal Water District No. 1 have increased their price for the pipe in the amount of \$1996.00. Their original bid was \$41,948.65. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Chief of Police, John H. Stroh, advising that he had communicated with the Hawthorne Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office with reference to the application of Mrs. Mary Merino for a license to practice Phrenology on Cabrillo Avenue in the 1600 Block, Torrance and had re-

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ceived favorable replies. She intends to buy a lot in the above district and build on it.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Council approve Mrs. Merino's application for license and permit her to build in the business district. No second to the motion was forthcoming.

Councilman Powell stated that he was not in favor of issuing this license due to the fact that several applicants for the same type of practice were turned down last year.

Mr. James Lynch, Manager of the Torrance Hotel, 1646 Cabrillo Avenue, offered his opinion that the block Mrs. Merino plans to build in is destined someday to be highly valuable business property and that if cluttered up by temporary poorly-built construction such as the taxi stands which have been permitted, the value of the property will be reduced and will be less likely to invite new business.

Councilman Tolson withdrew his motion to issue a license to Mrs. Merino, and moved that this matter be referred to the entire City Council for further study. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Chief of Police, John H. Stroh, who, having investigated the record of Mr. Joe Hawksworth, 116 E. 76th Place, Los Angeles, recommended that a license be issued him to operate his lunch wagon route in Torrance.

Councilman Powell moved that the recommendation of Chief Stroh be concurred in by the Council. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A Petition, submitted by Samuel Katz, Sam LaGrasse, Harold E. Werson, Fred P. Flowers and Charles T. Berry, Torrance taxicab operators, was read requesting revision of that portion of the City Taxi Ordinance which requires that they carry \$10,000/\$20,000 public liability insurance and \$5,000 property damage insurance. They wish to carry coverage in the amount of \$10,000/\$10,000 and \$5,000.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this communication be referred to the City Attorney for study and recommendation to the Council. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Torrance City Planning Commission, advising that Petition for Variance, Case No. 68, filed by E. F. Welton, requesting permission to construct an additional residence on the front portion of the south fifty feet of the north one hundred feet of Lot 2, Block 18, Tract No. 2761, situated at 1627 Greenwood Avenue was denied. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Los Angeles County Health Department, 808 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, recommending that sanitary sewers be installed in the South Torrance district. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Los Angeles County Health Department, 808 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, recommending that sanitary sewers be installed in the WALTERIA District. Matter of record.

City Engineer Jain offered his explanation of the two foregoing letters, stating that the obtaining of these letters was required in order to secure State aid in the sewer projects, and also that if, at the Public Hearing to be held March 4, 1947, out of all written protests and approvals there were over 50% protests, the above letters would give the Council authority to overrule the protestants and to proceed with the projects.

A communication was read from W. C. Bradford, Secretary of the Civil Service Board, stating that at a special meeting held January 24, 1947, Mr. George Thatcher was elected Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Eugene Held, Finance Officer of the American Legion, submitting an agreement with reference to the Legion's concession at the Torrance City Park, and requesting approval and execution of said agreement.

Councilman Tolson moved that Clerk Bartlett dispense with the reading of the agreement, and that this agreement be referred to the City Attorney for study and recommendation to the Council. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1815

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CALLING FOR A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1815 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1815 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1816

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF INTEREST DUE JULY 1, 1947 ON BONDS OF MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 OF SAID CITY.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1816 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1816 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1817

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DETERMINING THE NATURE, LOCATION AND EXTENT, ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES, ACCEPTING THE ENGINEER'S DEBT LIMITATION REPORT AND SETTING THE DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING UPON THE PROPOSED WALTERIA SEWER DISTRICT.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1817 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1817 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

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RESOLUTION NO. 1818

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DETERMINING THE NATURE, LOCATION AND EXTENT, ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES, ACCEPTING THE ENGINEER'S DEBT LIMITATION REPORT AND SETTING THE DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING UPON THE PROPOSED SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1818 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1818 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett stated that he had talked with Mr. James L. Beebe of the Firm of O'Melveny & Myers in respect to the employment of said firm on the proposed Fire Station and Police Station bonds in the amount of \$185,000.00, and he advised that their fee for services on a bond issue of this kind is \$450.00 if the bonds are voted and \$245.00 if the bonds fail at the election.

He then presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1819

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE FIRM OF O'MELVENY & MYERS AS BOND COUNSEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE CALLING OF AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1819 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full Resolution No. 1820, in which the City Council is urged to go on record as recommending the passage of Assembly Bill No. 62 to the Governor of the State of California; such Bill to provide for the necessary procedure and legal right to bring about the transfer of certain lands in Alondra Park to El Camino College district for educational purposes, and that copies of the Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of California by the City Clerk of Torrance.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1820 be adopted. 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.

Councilman Tolson moved that the date of Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing protests against the Sewer Districts in South Torrance and Walteria be set for March 4, 1947 at 8:00 p.m. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council authorize the installation of nine Jones fire hydrants in the new subdivision being built by Mr. Ben Haggott known as the Seaside Ranchos, upon the recommendation of J. E. McMaster, Fire Chief, rental fee to be \$2.50 per month each. 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.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$250.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of decomposed granite for stock pile at the City Yard. 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.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$300.00, plus tax, be made for road materials for resurfacing 212th Street, between Torrance Boulevard and Bow Avenue. 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.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$225.00, plus tax, be made for road materials for resurfacing Maricopa Street, between Acacia Avenue and Madrid Avenue. 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.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$200.00, plus tax, be made for road materials for resurfacing Maricopa Place, between Acacia Avenue and Madrid Avenue. 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.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$400.00, plus tax, be made for road materials for resurfacing Border Avenue, between Arlington Avenue and Dominguez. 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.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$99.64 be made for City advertising by the Chamber of Commerce for the month of November, 1946. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$982.40 be made for hydrant heads, service stops and goosenecks for Water Department stock. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$117.00 be made for hydro rings for Water Department stock. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$625.00 be made for 50 - 5/8" x 3/4" Style 3 meters for Water Department stock. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$354.62 be made for bends, crosses, tees and valve box covers for Water Department stock. 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.

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Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$628.65 be made for meter boxes with cast iron covers, without covers and with cement covers for Water Department stock. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$561.00 be made for galvanized pipe, galvanized nipples and pipe plugs for Water Department stock. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$518.40 be made for 4" and 6" gate valves with hub end for Water Department stock. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$72.00 be made for 12 pcs. 6" x 12' dipped steel pipe for Water Department stock. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$140.00 be made for 10 - 6" x 52" hydrant barrels for Water Department stock. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$170.00 be made for 1 - Type "B" Mueller water pipe tapping machine complete 3/4" to 1" for Water Department stock. 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.

City Engineer Jain reported that he had communicated with the League of California Cities in connection with obtaining a special census for the City of Torrance and was informed that the statutes governing such special census was continued to July 1, 1947 by the First Special Extraordinary Session of the California State Legislature of 1946, amending Section 5 of Act No. 118. A bill has been introduced by Assemblyman Randall Dickey to continue this census to 1950 and, he stated, the League assured him that there is more than an even chance that this legislation will be continued because of the fact that such a large percentage of the cities have had a special census taken. The Council agreed that proceedings should continue as originally planned.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Council authorize the employment of Earle Hillier, a sixteen year old High School boy, to help in the Recreation Center, effective January 4, 1947, at a salary of 60¢ per hour, not to exceed fourteen hours a week at the present time; and with permission to increase working hours during vacation periods, as per recommendation of Dale Riley, Recreation Superintendent. This boy has obtained a work permit from school. 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.

Councilman Jackson moved that the matter of protests to certain portions of the Sales Tax Ordinance submitted by Ideco and National Supply Company be taken under advisement by the Council as a whole. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. George Thatcher, 3908 Newton Street, Walteria, addressed the Council stating that several cities in the beach area are going to hold an election to join the Metropolitan Water District and in the event the election carries, the Metropolitan Water District would parallel the lines to be laid to connect with Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, and advised the Council to delay the purchase of pipe until more information is obtained regarding the placement of the lines if the election carries.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Council contact Mr. Rippy of the Metropolitan Water Company Board and ask for this information, and that the order of pipe be held up until the matter is investigated. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey suggested that Councilman Tolson contact Mr. Rippy.

Mr. Thatcher held the floor to state that the traffic on 101 Highway through the Walteria section warrants a zoning of 25 miles an hour. He stated that speeding is increasing all the time and that 3 serious accidents have occurred there in recent months.

Councilman Powell moved that Mr. Thatcher's request for zoning be referred to Chief of Police Stroh for investigation and recommendation to the Council. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that all bills properly audited be paid. 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.

At 9:05 p.m., upon motion by Mayor Sherfey, seconded by Councilman Tolson, the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, February 4, 1947, at 7:45 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

J. Hugh Sherfey Jr.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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