

Torrance, California
July 8, 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, July 8, 1947, 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 Powell moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held June 24, 1947 be approved as written. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Tide Water Associated Oil Company, 610 South Main Street, Los Angeles, stating that no pipelines have been laid or removed during the period January 1, 1947 to and including June 30, 1947 under County Ordinance No. 1014. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Tide Water Associated Oil Company, 610 South Main Street, Los Angeles, offering a statement similar to the one above with regard to County Ordinance No. 1351. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Union Oil Company of California, Los Angeles, stating that no pipelines have been laid or removed during the period January 1, 1947 to and including June 30, 1947 under County Ordinance No. 1501. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Union Oil Company of California, Los Angeles, offering a statement similar to the one above with regard to County Ordinance No. 1010. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Richfield Oil Corporation, Los Angeles, stating that no pipelines have been laid or removed during the period January 1, 1947 to and including June 30, 1947 under County Ordinance No. 1358-1361. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Messrs. Ed. Voltz and Sam Goldfaden advising of the opening of the Torrance Trailer Park at 1820 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, July 10, 1947, and inviting the Council members and all City Employees to attend. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, submitting a Resolution adopted July 1, 1947, authorizing an appropriation of \$6,500.00 for the improvement of Plaza del Amo. Matter of record.

A communication was read from W. M. Bostock, Structural Engineer, 8414 Otis Street, South Gate, giving final report on the condition of the Central Fire Station, since its rehabilitation, as sound and capable of withstanding normal earthquake forces. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Mr. William C. Schaefermeyer, 26401 South Western Avenue, Lomita, requesting a permit to live temporarily in a trailer house on his lot at 23747 Eshelman Avenue until his house can be built. He advised that sanitary facilities will be installed for this purpose.

Councilman Powell moved that the applicant be given a temporary permit for a period of ninety days. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Robert L. Warner, 1101 Valencia Street, Los Angeles, requesting a business license refund on License No. 2055, issued June 9, 1947.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this request be granted and that Clerk Bartlett be authorized to make the refund. 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.

A communication was read from the WALTERIA Civic Organization, signed by Bessie Slonecker, Secretary, and addressed to William Murphey, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, requesting the addition of two more daily bus runs from WALTERIA to Torrance at 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

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

A communication, signed by Sidney Lewis, Jack Braydon and Mohr Brothers Enterprises, was read requesting permission for a license and a permit to operate a billiard and pool parlor at 1413 Cravens Avenue.

Councilman Powell moved that this communication be referred to the Chief of Police for his study and recommendation at a subsequent meeting. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. William R. Lee, 1923 Arlington Avenue, requesting permission to install the "Veterans' Auto Park" at the corner of Arlington Avenue and Washington Boulevard, Lot 6, Block 3, Tract No. 3757, during the baseball tournament.

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

A communication was read from the Torrance Area Youth Bands, signed by James Van Dyck, Director, requesting permission for the use

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of the Civic Auditorium on Saturday nights for the purpose of holding a series of young people's dances, with the City receiving twenty per cent of the admission receipts in exchange for the use of the building.

After some discussion, Councilman Jackson moved that the City Clerk write to the Board of Directors of the Torrance Area Youth Bands requesting that a meeting be held, together with the members of the City Council, for discussion of this project. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. T. K. Millstead, 2112 Gramercy Avenue, requesting that the two pepper trees on the front of his property be trimmed as soon as possible.

Councilman Tolson moved that this matter be referred to Ralph Perkins, Street Superintendent, for proper action. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, Librarian at the County Library, Torrance Branch requesting miscellaneous repairs to the building and equipment and requesting, also, permission to employ Miss Thaxton for forty hours' clerical help during July.

During the ensuing discussion, the repair work was estimated at a little over \$500.00, which, Clerk Bartlett stated, the Library Fund would cover. However, he advised, a decision should be postponed until the valuations are obtained sometime next month.

Councilman Tolson moved that Mrs. Jamieson be allowed to employ clerical help for a forty-hour period during July. 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 Charles A. Curtiss, Deputy City Treasurer, recommending that the transfer of certain funds in the amount of \$33817.09, effective as of June 30, 1947, be authorized; the transfer being in accordance with instructions from Logan Cotton, City Auditor.

Councilman Tolson moved that the recommendation of the Deputy City Treasurer be concurred in by the Council. 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.

A communication was read from Lund Company Insurance with reference to Airport Liability Insurance quotations for a one year period in the amount of \$181.88.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$181.88 be made for the first year premium on Airport Liability Insurance for the Torrance Municipal Airport. 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.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, with reference to the Petition for removal of sump holes at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Border Avenue, referred to the Fire Chief and the City Engineer at a previous meeting. He advised the rezoning of this property from an M-2 to an A-1 Zone.

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

A group of Petitions, bearing the signatures of 237 persons, was presented with the request to reopen the Torrance Recreation Center at the corner of Greenwood and Sonoma Avenues, install rest room facilities and furnish daily supervision.

After some discussion, in which the City Attorney advised that the property changed hands as of July 1, 1947, and is now under the jurisdiction of the Torrance School District, Mayor Sherfey moved that this matter be discussed in a meeting of the Council and the

Board of Directors of the Torrance School District, together with City Attorney Willett. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, with reference to the Petition for Variance, Case No. 76, filed by Mr. John Mayer, which was denied by the Commission. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Glenn Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, with reference to the Petition for Change of Zone, Case No. 77, of Tract No. 13901, for which a Public Hearing before the Council will be required on or after July 20, 1947.

A communication was read from Glenn Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, with reference to the Petition for Change, Case No. 79, filed by G. S. Munyer, for which a Public Hearing before the Council will be required on or after July 20, 1947.

A communication was read from Glenn Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, with reference to the Petition for Variance, Case No. 80, filed by Edgar S. Frenger, requesting permission to construct a Trailer Camp on the corner of Emerald Street and Hawthorne Avenue, which was approved by the Commission.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Clerk be instructed to notify Mr. Frenger of the various requirements in connection with this project. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, with reference to the Petition for Variance, Case No. 83, and the Petition for Vacation of Streets and Alleys, Case No. 84, filed by J. H. Pine, for permission to construct a 132 unit housing development at Crenshaw Boulevard and Dominguez Street, for which a Public Hearing before the Council will be required on or after July 20, 1947.

A communication was read from Glenn Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, with reference to the Petition for Variance, Case No. 86, filed by H. A. Allen, requesting permission to construct a Super Service Station on the corner of Prairie Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard, which was approved by the Commission. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Glenn Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, with reference to the Petition for Variance, Case No. 87, filed by the First Baptist Church, for permission to construct a two-story church building and a two-story parish hall and a paved parking lot on Carson Street, between Martina and Manuel Avenues, which was approved by the Commission. Matter of record.

Councilman Jackson moved that, with reference to three of the above-mentioned Petitions, namely Case Nos. 77, 79 and 83, a Public Hearing before the Council be held on July 30, 1947 at 7:30 p.m., and that the City Clerk be authorized to advise the Planning Commission of the necessity of notifying all parties to be affected by the rezonings. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from W. C. Bradford, Secretary of the Civil Service Board, requesting that Mr. Ralph Hoerr be given full-time employment in the Park Department, and that he be given retro-active pay from the time he was placed on half-time employment on May 16, 1947.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Civil Service Board. 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.

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A communication was read from W. H. Stanger, Superintendent of Torrance Municipal Improvement District and Water Districts No. 1 and No. 2, requesting authorization to attend the 67th Annual Conference of the American Water Works Association to be held in San Francisco on July 21 to July 25, inclusive.

Councilman Jackson moved that Mr. Stanger be authorized to attend this Conference. 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 for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 390

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE,
CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 6 OF
ORDINANCE NO. 366.

Councilman Gilbert moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 390 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 390 be adopted for second and final reading. 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 for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 391

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING
LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING LOTS
5 AND 6, BLOCK 5, LOTS 9 AND 10, BLOCK 2, ALL
IN TRACT NO. 3757; THE EAST 160 FEET OF LOT 21,
TRACT NO. 3757; AND THE EAST 160 FEET OF LOT
20, TRACT NO. 10185, LYING SOUTH OF LOT 6,
BLOCK 5, TRACT NO. 3757, HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

Councilman Gilbert moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 391 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 391 be adopted for second and final reading. 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, in accordance with a recommendation submitted by the Fire Chief, nine fire hydrants be installed in the new Kettler Tract in South Torrance. 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 the City Clerk be authorized to advise the City Engineer to start proceedings in connection with setting up the Torrance Assessment Lighting District No. 1, to be effective as of September 1st, 1947. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City Engineer be authorized to contact the Manager of the Torrance Municipal Airport and the State Highway Department with reference to the widening of the entrance to the airport, which will involve the cutting of the curb and must be done according to specifications submitted by the State. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Clerk be authorized to withdraw from the records the motion made June 24 for the Civil Service Board to call for an examination for the position of Park Superintendent. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$350.00 be made for janitor supplies for various Departments. 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 an appropriation of \$712.00 be made, payable to the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission for Civil Service functions from July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947, inclusive. 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.

City Attorney Willett reported that no decision can be made at this time on The National Supply Company's agreement regarding improvement of Western Avenue adjacent to their property as the City Engineer is absent and has not completed work on it.

City Attorney Willett stated that he would present the City ordinances pertaining to abandonment of oil wells at the next regular meeting and explained the legal aspects of such.

Mayor Sherfey announced that the communication of California Nevada Properties Inc. requesting reimbursement for expenditures in connection with fire hydrants will be referred to the Council further for report at the next regular meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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.

Mayor Sherfey announced that a Public Hearing will be held July 16, 1947 at 7:30 p.m. for discussion of the new Budget, with the City Auditor present.

At 8:50 p.m., upon motion by Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Gilbert and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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