

Torrance, California
August 5, 1947

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 Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, August 5, 1947, at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: Gilbert and Powell.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Comptroller of the State of California, stating that the City of Torrance is to receive a total of \$23,888.29 from the Tax Fund during the fiscal year 1947-48.

Clerk Bartlett stated that the July payment of \$11,088.00 has already been received. The second payment, \$12,800.00 is due in April. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Mr. Albert E. Curler, 2011 Gramercy Avenue, requesting a permit to live in a house trailer while waiting for material to build a home at 3828 Newton Street, Walteria.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Clerk be authorized to notify Mr. Curler that his request has been granted for a period of ninety days. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J. E. McMaster, Fire Chief, recommending that nine fire hydrants be installed in the new Seaside Ranchos Tract.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Fire Chief. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

A communication was read from the Southern California Edison Company, Ltd., signed by J. L. Fitch, Office Manager at Redondo Beach, reporting that the time clocks at the sub-station were corrected and set on July 29th in order to remedy the unnecessary burning of street lights in Torrance. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Torrance City School District, signed by J. Henrich Hull, Superintendent, requesting the employment of one additional crossing guard at Arlington Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, in concurrence with a recommendation made by J. H. Stroh, Chief of Police.

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

City Engineer Jain advised the Council that, in his opinion, something should be done with regard to checking the street lighting schedule from time to time, possibly every month, in order to arrive at a satisfactory system.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Engineer be instructed to contact the Edison Company and find out what method may be used in this matter. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Jacob B. Brock, P.O. Box 75, WALTERIA, submitting a list of damages to personal property caused by the WALTERIA Fire Department in the amount of \$50.00. Mr. Brock stated that he has accepted \$50.00 from the Insurance Company for damages to his garage.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this communication be referred to the City Attorney for his recommendation at a later meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Celia Pons, 3794 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, offering to lease her building and two vacant lots on Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance, for use by the Bus Department as a Depot and Office Building, at \$350.00 per month.

Councilman Tolson moved that this communication be referred to Mr. William Murphey, Acting Manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, for his recommendation at a subsequent meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. William R. Lee, 1923 Arlington Avenue, requesting a refund on Business License No. 23, issued him on July 14, 1947, to operate a parking lot on the corner of Washington and Arlington Avenues.

Councilman Tolson moved that Mr. Lee's request be granted and the refund made. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

A communication, addressed to Mayor Sherfey, was read from the State Reconstruction and Reemployment Commission, signed by O. C. Wyman, Assistant to the Director, requesting the appointment of responsible citizens to serve as members of local advisory boards under the Housing and Rent Act of 1947. This letter supplements one forwarded by Governor Earl Warren under date of July 19th.

Mayor Sherfey advised the Council that a meeting of South Bay Area Mayors and City Officials is to be held tomorrow morning (Wednesday, August 6th) in Redondo Beach after which a recommendation on the choice of advisory board members is to be made to Raymond V. Darby, Supervisor, Los Angeles County.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Mayor be authorized to attend the above-mentioned meeting and submit his recommendation for appointments to the advisory board as instructed in Mr. Wyman's communication. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, submitting an application of the Huntington Redondo Company requesting the vacation and abandonment of the westerly 112½ feet of Hollywood Palos Verdes Parkway, between the City of Redondo Beach and the City of Palos Verdes.

Councilman Tolson moved that this application be referred to the Planning Commission for investigation and recommendation to the Council. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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A communication was read from the Civil Service Board, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, with reference to the request of Mr. Roy Thompson for four days' sick leave pay, which had accumulated during the time he worked for the Street Department. Mr. Bradford advised that the Board is in favor of granting the pay in this manner, although Mr. Thompson was in the employ of the Water Department at the time of his illness.

After some discussion, Councilman Jackson moved that the matter be referred to the Council as a whole for further study.

Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J. H. Stroh, Chief of Police, reporting that he has investigated Mr. George Dixon of Temperature Research Laboratory, Inc., 465½ West 39th Street, San Pedro, whose request to solicit funds in the City of Torrance was referred to him at a Regular Meeting held July 22nd, and recommending that his request be granted.

Councilman Tolson moved that Mr. Dixon be requested to confer with the Council just previous to the next Regular Meeting to be held Tuesday, August 12, 1947, at 7:45 p.m. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the War Department, Corps of Engineers, Office of the District Engineer in Los Angeles, requesting that four copies of Interim License be executed on behalf of the City of Torrance and returned to their office, together with 12 copies of a resolution passed by the City Council approving and authorizing the execution of the Interim License and Condition Survey and Inventory Report.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1843

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AN INTERIM LICENSE AND CONDITION SURVEY AND INVENTORY REPORT ATTACHED THERETO, COVERING THE LOMITA FLIGHT STRIP.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1843 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1843 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$134.73, including tax, be made for the purchase of a 14" carriage Underwood Typewriter for use by the Engineering Department. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$500.00, plus tax, for three - 13x24 tires; two - 7x24 tires and one - 12x24 tire for motor patrol grader and the International tractor loader. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$50.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of 30 lengths of 4" sewer pipe; 6 - 4 1/8 bends; 6 - 4" tees for sewer connections. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the fol-

lowing roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$1600.00 be made for the first payment on two Reo busses for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$65.00, including tax, be made for the purchase of rope and tie down stakes for the Torrance Municipal Airport. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$2019.16 be made for the South Torrance Sewer Survey; \$81.00 for balance on the WALTERIA Sewer Survey; and \$1239.00 for the Vista Highland Street Improvement Survey. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$75.00 be made for the purchase of sanitary fixtures for the rest room at Fern Avenue Park. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the Council authorize the appointment of Armstrong M. Dowell as a member of both Civil Service Boards, effective September 1, 1947, to fill the unexpired term of Paul M. Watson, resigned; and the appointment of Thos. T. Babbitt as a member of both Civil Service Boards, effective September 1, 1947, to fill the unexpired term of George P. Thatcher, resigned. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Clerk be instructed to write a letter of appreciation for past services with the Civil Service Board to Mr. George P. Thatcher, who recently resigned as Chairman of the Board. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Councilman Jackson moved that the tentative budget recently submitted to the Council by the City Clerk and the City Auditor be adopted in that form. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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At 8:15 p.m., upon motion by Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

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

APPROVED:

J. Hugh Sheriff Jr.
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE