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Torrance, California  
October 21, 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 Ad-  
journed Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance,  
California, on Tuesday, October 21, 1947, at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being  
Councilmen: Buxton, Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent:  
Councilmen: None.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from a Committee, consisting of seven  
representatives of civic and business organizations, whose purpose it  
is to promote action in the improvement of the Torrance Municipal  
Bus Lines. Attached to the communication were the following: (1)  
Plan for Acquisition and Financing Four New Busses and Revisions  
of Existing Service, (2) Plan for Torrance Bus Terminal, and (3)  
Relation of Additional Obligation for Busses to General Fund.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this communication be referred  
to the Council as a whole for further study, and that some action  
be taken at the next regular meeting. Councilman Buxton seconded  
the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. John Wall, 22015 Harvard  
Boulevard, requesting a license to operate a billiard parlor at  
1778 Carson Street.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this communication be referred  
to the Chief of Police for checking and recommendation to the Coun-  
cil. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried un-  
animously.

A communication was read from Mr. Vernell E. Jenzen and Mr. Kenneth J. Freeman requesting a license to operate a retail used automobile sales business at the corner of Torrance Boulevard and Engracia Avenue.

Chief of Police Stroh advised that he had investigated Mr. Jenzen's record and finds it satisfactory, and recommended that a license be issued.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the recommendation of the Chief of Police be concurred in, providing applicants comply with all rules, regulations and ordinances of the City which are applicable to this type of business. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from W. H. Stanger, Manager of Torrance Municipal Improvement District and Water Districts No. 1 and No. 2, 1510 Cravens Avenue, advising the Council of the new rates for all irrigation service, to become effective in November of this year. Matter of record.

A Petition for Change of Zone, filed by Joseph F. Gorman, 963 E. 5th Street, Long Beach was read.

Councilman Tolson moved that this Petition be referred to the Planning Commission for the required Hearings, after which a recommendation is to be submitted to the Council. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, recommending that the request recently referred to him for a street light at 237th Street, between Pennsylvania Avenue and Narbonne Avenue, be denied.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1868

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION  
NO. 1830.

He explained this resolution amended a resolution establishing irrigation rates and installation services.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1868 be dispensed with. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1868 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1869

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION  
NO. 1674.

He explained this resolution amended a resolution establishing irrigation rates and installation services.

Councilman Gilbert moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1869 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1869 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the

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

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 396

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING  
ORDINANCE NO. 385.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 396 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from J. H. Stroh, Chief of the Torrance Police Department, requesting information on the investigation of the Santa Fe Railroad crossing at Crenshaw Boulevard.

City Attorney Willett advised that previous correspondence with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company and the State Railroad Commission brought the suggestion that the Company pay half the cost for installing automatic signals at the crossing and the City the other half.

During the ensuing discussion, several Councilmen voiced the opinion that the obligation for installing the signals should lie with the Railway Company alone, and that measures should be taken immediately to force the trains to stop at this crossing unless the signals are installed.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Attorney be instructed to write to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, advising them of the action the City will be compelled to take unless they agree to install automatic signals at Crenshaw Boulevard and Dominguez Street, at their own expense. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Stroh advised the Council that the intersection of 182nd Street and Hawthorne Avenue is partly in the County of Los Angeles, the largest portion lying within the city limits of Torrance. For this reason, he stated, the city will have to assume temporarily, the responsibility of a crossing guard at this intersection for at least two hours each day. He explained, however, that Supervisor Raymond V. Darby of Los Angeles promised him that he would attempt to secure a guard for the crossing as soon as possible, probably someone who is on County Aid, and who lives in the vicinity of the crossing. Chief Stroh continued, saying that he had found a man willing to take the job for Torrance, until such time as County Aid is obtained.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Chief Stroh be authorized to employ the above-mentioned man as crossing guard for 182nd Street and Hawthorne Avenue on a part-time, temporary basis, at a salary of \$.85 per hour, pending such time as the County of Los Angeles takes over the responsibility for the crossing. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Clerk be authorized to write to both Supervisor Raymond V. Darby and the Chairman of the department in charge of County Aid, stating the action the Council has taken tonight with reference to the intersection at 182nd Street and Hawthorne Avenue, and urging the County Aid Department to find someone to take over the crossing-guard position as soon as possible. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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Councilman Jackson moved that the Council authorize the sale of the following obsolete equipment:

- 1 - 1936 International Truck - flat racks.
- 1 - 1929 Studebaker Roadster, with pick-up body.
- 1 - 1934 Ford Roadster with pick-up body.
- 1 - Concrete Mixer.
- 1 - Saw Frame, with 30 inch circular saw.
- 1 - 1933 V-8 motor block, without head or pan.
- 1 - 1-cylinder compressor.

Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$80.00, including tax, be made for the purchase of 25 tons of asphaltic concrete, to be used to pave in front of the gasoline pumps at the City Yard. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Council approve the Corrected Map of Tract No. 14016, for "Kettler Knolls No. 1". Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson reminded the Council that the County Library, Torrance Branch, is operating at the present time without a Library Board and that appointments should be made as soon as possible.

Clerk Bartlett reported that Mrs. Jamieson advised him that she would prefer to submit certain recommendations to the Council before the appointments are made.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Clerk be authorized to write a letter to Mrs. Jamieson, stating that her suggestion is very agreeable to the Council, and asking her to submit her recommendations immediately so that the matter may be taken up at the next regular meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 1947. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Lomita Merchants be granted the use of the Torrance Municipal Ball Park on Sundays for the duration of the Winter League; said ball club to pay the city 10% of the gross gate receipts, and pay the ground keeper for preparing the grounds. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$175.00 be made for an adding machine for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$50.00 be made for the purchase of paint to be used for paint work in the Council Chamber, City Hall. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Councilman Gilbert, and any other interested member of the Council, be instructed to meet with the City Painter, Mr. Shepherd, to decide on the proper color of paint to be used in the Council Chamber. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$170.00 be made for labor and material for reconstruction of the Torrance Police Station. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Clerk be authorized to reimburse Mr. Reed Parkin in the sum of \$41.99 for private funds spent on long distance telephone calls in connection with the acquisition of the Lomita Flight Strip. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:  
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Mr. Rafael Solis, Director, and seven other officers and members of a committee which has been formed to raise Christmas funds through solicitation for the needy children of the Pueblo District.

At Mayor Sherfey's inquiry, Mr. Dean Sears, of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, stated that these matters are generally handled through the Chamber, that an investigation is made as to the nature of the request, and if approved, a card is issued to the solicitors in order that they may carry out their program.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this communication be referred to the Chamber of Commerce for an early investigation, that a letter be forwarded back to the Council advising of the action taken; and, also, that the City Clerk be authorized to write a letter to the committee informing them of the action taken tonight. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

City Attorney Willett advised the Council that complaint made by Mr. Gus Weber, 1903 Andreo Avenue, about an overgrown hedge between his property and that adjoining his, has been taken care of for the time being. The City Attorney stated that Mr. Weber plans to file a petition soon in an effort to bring about an amendment to the Building Ordinance.

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City Attorney Willett informed the Council that he and Mr. W. H. Stanger, Water Superintendent, have discussed the possibility of Mr. Johns piping water to his home from the Dominguez Water main on Hawthorne Avenue, and have agreed to recommend that permission be granted, providing that he obtain a permit from the City Engineer's Office and do the work at his own expense.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the City Attorney and the Water Superintendent. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

City Attorney Willett advised the Council that he will have a report on the communication from California-Nevada Properties, Inc. at the next regular meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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

At 8:25 p.m., upon motion by Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

*A. H. Bartlett*  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

*John H. Sherfey Jr.*  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE