

Torrance, California
November 12, 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 Wednesday, November 12, 1947, at 7:50 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.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held October 28, 1947, and the Minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held October 29, 1947, be approved as written. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Pat MacDonnell, President of the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, 1339 Post Avenue, requesting that the Council appoint a delegate and an alternate to serve on the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center Board of Directors, for the 1947-48 period. The letter stated that nomination and election of officers will be held November 14, 1947, at 8:00 p.m., in the Torrance Council Chamber.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Councilman Tolson be appointed as delegate and that Councilman Buxton be appointed as alternate to the Board of Directors of the Veterans Service Center for the 1947-48 period. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Clerk be authorized to notify the Veterans Service Center of the foregoing appointments. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance City Employees' Association, signed by the members of the Torrance Police Department, expressing that Department's approval for the proposed changes to the present civil service ordinances, and for the proposed combining of the Police and Fire Civil Service Ordinance with the General Civil Service Ordinance. In its communication, the Department also expressed the desire to study any changes that are made before they are submitted to the vote of the citizens.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this communication be referred to the entire City Council for further study. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication, addressed to J. H. Stroh, Chief of Police, was read from the Torrance City School District, signed by J. H. Hull, advising of the District's appreciation for the assistance by the Police Department in the transportation and crossing guard systems for the school children. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the League of California Cities, signed by Richard Carpenter, Legal Counsel, Submitting a form of protest to the October, 1947 Liquor License Fee Apportionment, recommending that it be executed in behalf of the City and delivered to the State Controller.

Upon recommendation by City Attorney Willett, Councilman Gilbert moved that Mayor Sherfey be authorized to sign the protest form submitted by the League of California Cities. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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A communication was read from J. H. Stroh, Chief of Police, recommending that the Council approve and execute a contract between the Central Warrant Division and the City. He stated that, by entering into the contract, the City would benefit by additional revenue.

Following some discussion, City Attorney Willett advised that he would like to discuss the matter further with Chief Stroh before a decision is made.

Councilman Tolson moved that this matter be referred to City Attorney Willett for study and recommendation to the Council at a later meeting. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Sherfey announced that this is the time and place for the Public Hearing on the Petition for Street Vacation of Jack Pine, in connection with his proposed new subdivision.

There being no protests, either written or oral, Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary papers in connection with the street vacation. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett reported that he has received a Petition, bearing one-hundred and seventy-four signatures, protesting the proposed Vista Highlands Improvement District, unless the City is willing to contribute thirty to forty percent of the total cost for the improvements. He also reported the receipt of fifteen communications from protestants, which were declared illegal, along with the Petition, due to the fact that the public hearings required by law have been closed. Mayor Sherfey advised, however, that he will consider each protest, personally.

City Engineer Jain read Modification Report Nos. 1 and 2 from Harold A. Barnett's Office, outlining a modified district for the proposed improvements, which will reduce the overall cost to \$145,640.00, making an estimated assessment of \$382.00 for the average fifty-foot lot.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Engineer Barnett's reports be accepted by the Council for further consideration and study. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

At Mayor Sherfey's request, the following people addressed the Council with questions and/or remarks:

Mr. Cecil Smith, 1604 Hickory Avenue
 Mrs. Martha Riggle, 1373 Date Avenue
 Mr. Bert Lynn, 915 Amapola Avenue (owns property at
 corner of Greenwood Avenue and Torrance Boulevard)
 Mr. Edward Dalton
 Mrs. Hinds of Greenwood Avenue
 Mr. Jack Long, 1222 Date Avenue
 Mr. Gamby Boss, 1230 Date Avenue
 Mr. James Lynch, 1604 Juniper Avenue
 Mrs. Louise Cook, 1405 Crenshaw Boulevard
 Mrs. Marie Bischoff, 1621 Greenwood Avenue

Councilman Gilbert moved that this matter be referred to the Council as a whole for final decision at the next regular meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the California State Personnel Board, signed by John H. England, Chief, Cooperative Personnel Services, submitting copies of their standard contract for survey services for the Council's approval. The Board will supply their services for an estimated \$750.00.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign the contract between the California State Personnel Board and the City of Torrance. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, signed by A. M. Rawn, Chief Engineer and General Manager, submitting a resolution to be adopted by the Council in order to provide an alternate to the presiding officer of the City's District Board of Directors, in case of his absence or inability to preside.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1870

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS.

Councilman Buxton moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1870 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Buxton moved that Resolution No. 1870 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.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Torrance City Planning Commission, advising of the Commission's action to approve the Petition for Change of Zone, Case No. 98, of Charles T. Rippey, and recommending that the Council concur in this action. The communication stated that a Public Hearing must be held before the Council on a date no earlier than December 2, 1947.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Public Hearing be held Tuesday, December 9, 1947, at 8:00 p.m. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Torrance City Planning Commission, stating that the Commission took no action with regard to the Petition for Change of Zone, Case No. 96, of James E. Stinson. The communication stated that a Public Hearing must be held before the Council on a date no earlier than December 2, 1947.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Public Hearing be held Tuesday, December 9, 1947, after 8:00 p.m. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A Petition, bearing eleven names, was read, requesting that the City of Torrance grade Earl Street from south of Sepulveda Boulevard to 230th Street.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this Petition be referred to City Engineer Jain for checking and recommendation to the Council at a later meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

City Engineer Jain reported that Earl Street has never been dedicated to the City of Torrance, and that, therefore, the City has no authority to grade it.

Mr. David Paisley, of Ocean Avenue, just east of Earl Street, spoke on behalf of the property owners of Earl Street, advising of the dire need for levelling, not only of the street, but of the lots also, due to the fact that they stand in water throughout most of the rainy season making passage almost impossible.

Mrs. Martha Riggle, 1373 Date Avenue, assisted the Council by describing the location and condition of the street.

It was then suggested that City Engineer Jain send someone from his office to inspect the street and report back to the Council.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, submitting three copies of the "Memorandum of Agreement for Expenditure of $\frac{1}{4}$ Cent Gas Tax for State Highways" and Resolution approving said Memorandum.

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Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1871

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREE-
MENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF $\frac{1}{4}$ CENT GAS TAX
ALLOCATED FOR STATE HIGHWAYS.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1871 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1871 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.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, requesting that certain Easements and Agreements be accepted and recorded, and the Progress Forms returned to the City of Los Angeles.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1872

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT DEED AND
AGREEMENT FROM REED H. PARKIN AND LOUISE G.
PARKIN AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1872 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1872 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 and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1873

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT DEED AND
AGREEMENT FROM MAX SIDELL AND DAVID SIDELL
AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Gilbert moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1873 be dispensed with. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1873 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1874

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING HIGHWAY EASEMENT DEED
FROM THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY AND AUTHORIZING RECORD-
ING OF SAME.

Councilman Buxton moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1874 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Buxton moved that Resolution No. 1874 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.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, submitting his resignation as City Engineer and Director of Public Works, effective November 15, 1947, in order to take the position of City Engineer at Redwood City.

Councilman Tolson moved that Mr. Jain's resignation be accepted with regrets; that the City Clerk be authorized to write a letter to Mr. Jain expressing the Council's sincere appreciation for his past services, and that the City Clerk also be authorized to purchase the appropriate badge to be presented Mr. Jain at the time of his departure. 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.

City Attorney Willett recommended that Mr. Jack Pine be required to post a bond before adoption of the resolution in connection with street vacation in his proposed subdivision.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City Clerk be authorized to notify Mr. Pine that it will be necessary for him to post a bond before adoption of the resolution for street vacation. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

City Attorney Willett advised the Council that crossing guards employed by the City should be required to take Civil Service examinations, due to the fact that they are regularly and continuously employed, even though they are only required to work part-time. He also recommended that crossing guards be considered under the general Civil Service Ordinance because the Police and Fire Civil Service Ordinance applies only to those employees whose work deals directly with police or fire work. He suggested that his opinions be referred to the Civil Service Board for study and recommendation to the Council.

Councilman Tolson moved that City Attorney Willett's recommendations be referred to the Civil Service Board for study and report back to the Council. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$220.00, plus tax, be made for a new motor for the Chevrolet pick-up truck for the City Garage. 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 Jackson moved that the Council authorize the employment of a stenographer-clerk in the Engineering and Building Departments, on a temporary basis, pending a Civil Service examination, effective November 10, 1947. 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 Jackson moved that the Council authorize the appointment of Otto B. Willett as City Judge, to succeed John A. Shidler whose resignation was recently accepted, effective November 16, 1947. 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.

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Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$296.00 be made for payment to Tom E. Watson, Plastering Contractor, for labor and materials to do stucco and plastering work on the Police Department's Dark Room and Record Room. 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 moved that an appropriation of \$581.50 be made for payment to Tom E. Watson, Plastering Contractor, for plastering work and materials on the Fire Department Building. 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.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$150.00 be made for materials to paint the main floor and stairway and hall of the Fire Station. 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 moved that the Council authorize the installation of five (5) fire hydrants in Tract 8202, Walteria Housing Project; hydrants to be installed at the locations recommended by Wm. Stanger, Manager, Water Department and Fire Chief McMaster. 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.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$105.90 be made for four (4) truck tires for the Municipal Bus Lines. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the Council appropriate not to exceed \$1,173.33 for Fire Insurance coverage on buildings located at Torrance Municipal Airport; and he added in this connection that adjustments will be made in the near future between the lessee and the lessor with regard to past premium payments. 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.

Councilman Gilbert moved that all bills properly audited by paid. 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.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. James Evans, local business man, suggested to the Council that it set aside all future revenue from the $\frac{1}{2}\%$ city sales tax in order to finance a juvenile recreation program, which, he stated, is very badly needed in Torrance.

Mrs. Martha Riggle, 1373 Date Avenue, stated that she is very much in favor of Mr. Evan's suggestion and that she would like to see a program of this sort initiated.

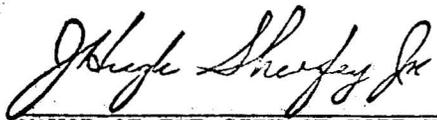
Mr. Walter Schumacher, of Sonoma Street, inquired what decision had been made with regard to the Vista Highlands Improvement District.

Mayor Sherfey informed him of the motion previously made by the Council to render a decision at the next regular meeting.

At 9:15 p.m., upon motion by Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Tolson, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE