

Torrance, California
August 28, 1945

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, August 28, 1945 at 7:55 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Deputy Clerk Hallanger called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the flag.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held August 14, of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held August 17 and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held August 21, 1945 be approved as written. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A report was read from the Union Oil Company enclosing check for \$51.93, being franchise earnings for the year ending June 30, 1945, under County of Los Angeles Ordinance No. 1010 (N.S.). Matter of record.

A communication was read from the International Derrick & Equipment Company expressing their appreciation of Mr. Riley's cooperation in permitting their company to use the Torrance Municipal Park August 12, 1945. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Raymond V. Darby, Supervisor Fourth District, asking what progress is being made with the Western Avenue extension, and suggesting it would be a fine thing to make this an immediate project now the war is over.

A communication was read from the Chamber of Commerce advising that the Weston property known as the "Lomita Flight Strip", in use by the U. S. Army, is to become available for private or community purchase and that the City of Torrance has a priority for its acquisition; and suggesting that the City Council acquire this property for a Municipal Airport.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Council set a date to meet with Mr. Weston, owner of the property, for the purpose of discussing the possibilities of the city acquiring this property for a Municipal Airport. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion.

Councilman Cucci stated he was in favor of an airport but believed the Council was premature in this matter as the army has not released the property and for this reason the Council would be wasting its time in discussing the matter with Mr. Weston. A lengthy discussion followed at this point.

Councilman Powell was also in favor of waiting, and explained that a short while ago he had met with Mr. Harry Lewis who was in favor of this project and Mr. Lewis requested that the Council send him to Washington, D. C. to handle the transaction.

Councilman Hitchcock was in favor of discussing this matter with Mr. Weston and getting his reaction.

There being a motion before the Council, Mayor Tolson called for a vote, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Chamber of Commerce advising that they had made contact with Mr. H. W. Douglas, Official in Charge, Weather Bureau, United States Department of Commerce in Los Angeles, soliciting cooperation for the establishment of meteorological equipment in the City of Torrance, which would give the City prominence in daily news releases on weather information by the Los Angeles Weather Bureau, the cost of which would be nominal.

Mayor Tolson moved that the communication be referred to the Council for further study and report. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from George Schwartz, 1920 Judson Street, Los Angeles, requesting permission to engage in the business of plumbing supplies, pipes and salvage, to be located at Lewellyn Avenue and Torrance Boulevard.

After some discussion on whether the establishment of this business conflicts with the zoning ordinance, Mayor Tolson moved that the communication be referred to the City Engineer and Chief of Police for investigation and report. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Harry Harris, 123 So. El Paseo, Redondo Beach, inquiring about leasing the Civic Auditorium for staging Amateur Boxing Contests, in conjunction with which he will operate a gymnasium where boys can train free of charge under the supervision of a competent instructor. He contended that this type of clean and healthy sport will greatly aid in the prevention of juvenile delinquency.

Councilman Cucci moved that the communication be referred to the Council for consideration and report at the next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Q R S Neon Corporation, Ltd. requesting permission to erect and maintain a double-face vertical sign 15' x 30", at 1315 Sartori Avenue, and attaching a blueprint showing the proposed installation.

Engineer Jain explained that the present sign ordinance is more restrictive than the Los Angeles ordinance and other neighboring ordinances, but he had no objection to granting the request of the Q R S Neon Corporation, providing the sign is properly designed and constructed.

Engineer Jain recommended that the present sign ordinance be revised in accordance with more modern ordinances to meet present day requirements and restrictions, using the new Los Angeles ordinance as a guide.

Councilman Cucci moved that the Q R S Neon Corporation be granted a permit to erect and maintain a double-face vertical sign 15' x 30". Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci moved that the Ordinance Committee be authorized to revise the present sign ordinance to meet the present day requirements and restrictions, using the new Los Angeles ordinance as a guide. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mrs. Mabel Crowe requesting a street lamp at the corner of Greenwood and Eldorado.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Engineer be authorized to ask the Edison Company to install a light at Greenwood and Eldorado. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Charles N. Dodd requesting permission to operate, for a period of ninety days, an electrical and radio service at his home located at 1508 Amapola Avenue, said business to be known as Dodd & Reese Electrical and Radio Service, it being their intention to secure better business quarters as soon as possible.

As this residence is in an area restricted against business activities, a discussion followed, Engineer Jain reading an excerpt from the Zoning Ordinance permitting a business in a residential zone.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request of Mr. Dodd to operate an electrical and radio service in a residential zone be granted for a period of ninety days, subject to the approval of the City Engineer. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

An opinion was read from City Attorney McCall in reply to the question, "Did the City Council proceed legally in selling the busses or should it have followed the procedure outlined in Act 5203, Stats. 1921, p. 829.", which opinion was requested at a meeting of the Council held August 17, 1945.

Attorney McCall stated it was his opinion the City Council proceeded legally in selling the bus line and that Act 5203 does not apply to personal property.

A discussion followed between Councilman Powell and Attorney McCall on the difference between personal property and real property. Councilman Powell stated that the bus line is a public utility and in selling the bus line, the Council has sold a public utility.

Attorney McCall explained that Act 5203 referred to municipal water works, gas or electric plants, but does not refer to personal property such as busses.

Councilman Cucci agreed with Attorney McCall on the question of personal property but contended that a bus line cannot be construed as personal property and that such interpretation was only Mr. McCall's opinion.

Attorney McCall explained Act 5203 more fully and read excerpts from it.

A communication was read from Mr. Theodor Stohr with reference to his dismissal by City Engineer Jain and requesting the Council to ask Engineer Jain the reason for his dismissal after his 26 months service as draftsman. Attached to this communication was City Warrant No. 657 for \$73.77 after deductions were made, for Mr. Stohr's services to August 24, date of dismissal; a copy of City Engineer's letter of dismissal and a copy of Mr. Stohr's letter of resignation. In his letter Mr. Stohr maintained he is entitled to compensation to September 15.

Councilman Hitchcock asked Engineer Jain if Mr. Stohr was a temporary employee, to which Engineer Jain replied that Mr. Stohr had been employed on a temporary basis during the war emergency.

Councilman Powell explained that Mr. Stohr had been employed as a draftsman, and Engineer Jain's letter of dismissal was self-explanatory, wherein he said that it was his desire to employ someone who could relieve him of some of the detail of calculating and design on construction projects.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Council concur in Engineer Jain's action in dismissing Mr. Stohr, and that Mr. Stohr be notified of this action. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from H. C. Callihan advising that due to Councilman Cucci's action of dismissal he has been off work without pay since August 3, 1945, and inasmuch as this action has been ruled illegal by the City Attorney, Mr. Callihan requested that he be reimbursed for the time lost; that he be permitted to report back to work with full reinstatement as of August 28th; and that Mr. Ward, Manager of the Bus Line, be so advised.

Councilman Cucci remarked that apparently Mr. Callihan believed Attorney McCall's opinion was the last word in the law, but Councilman Cucci declared that he could not accept Attorney McCall's opinion because the latter is a Civil Service employee and he would naturally be prejudiced in rendering any decision contrary to the decision he had rendered. Councilman Cucci was not in favor of taking any action on Mr. Callihan's request until the entire matter had been concluded by the Civil Service Board, it being his understanding that a public hearing on this case was to be held Wednesday, August 29, 1945, at which time Mr. Callihan will have the right to deny the charges brought against him leading to his dismissal. Councilman Cucci continued saying that just because the City Attorney thinks the dismissal of Mr. Callihan was illegal does not alter the case, and Councilman Cucci declared he was justified in his action in dismissing Mr. Callihan and will not accept Attorney McCall's opinion on this case.

Councilman Gilbert declared that since Attorney McCall's opinion stated that the action in dismissing Mr. Callihan was illegal, he felt that Mr. Callihan should be allowed to return to work and be reimbursed for time lost.

A general discussion followed on this point.

Councilman Cucci declared that the City Council should demand efficiency from its employees.

Councilman Gilbert replied that no one had shown him where Mr. Callihan had been inefficient.

Councilman Cucci said he had preferred the charges and could prove them.

A discussion between Councilman Gilbert and Councilman Cucci followed on this point.

Councilman Gilbert declared that any decision the local Civil Service Board might give reflecting on a city employee will be unfair.

Councilman Cucci reiterated that he could not accept City Attorney McCall's opinion as he was a Civil Service employee.

Attorney McCall suggested that if the Council will hire a firm of attorneys of the caliber of O'Melveny & Myers or Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, or a good city attorney, to render an opinion in this case, and if such opinion differed from his, he would be willing to pay the costs.

Councilman Gilbert remarked that the Council pays the City Attorney to render opinions, and if anyone wished to find out if the City Attorney's opinion is wrong, he would have to defray his own expenses.

A discussion followed between Councilman Powell and Attorney McCall on correct legal opinions.

Councilman Cucci said an employee should not hide behind a legal technicality and that most cases of dismissal are based on a person's inefficiency.

Councilman Gilbert explained that Mr. Callihan is out of work and that a working man should be allowed to work until he is proven guilty and that in this case the Civil Service Board cannot prove Mr. Callihan guilty.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Mr. Callihan be reinstated to his position as Bus Operator in the Torrance Municipal Bus Line with back pay from the date of dismissal. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci and Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Civil Service Board advising the the legal opinion rendered by City Attorney McCall regarding the manner of the dismissal of Mr. Harold C. Callihan, an employee of the Bus Department, was read and discussed at a special meeting of the Civil Service Board held August 27th. The letter stated that in view of the fact that Mr. Callihan has not denied the charges brought against him, but has requested a hearing only as to the manner in which the charges were presented, it is the unanimous opinion of the members of the Civil Service Board that the City Council take immediate action sustaining Mr. Callihan's dismissal, as previously recommended in their letter of August 6th.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Clerk be instructed to notify the Civil Service Board that Mr. H. C. Callihan had been reinstated by the City Council to his position as Bus Operator in the Torrance Municipal Bus Line, and that the Manager of the Bus Line be notified of such action. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, and Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A resolution submitted by the Torrance Lions Club was read with reference to the Torrance Child Care Center, informing that the cost of operation of which has been underwritten by Federal Funds and partially paid for by parents of the children cared for, and that with the end of hostilities the Federal Funds will be withdrawn as of October 31, 1945. In this resolution the Lions Club appealed to the City of Torrance, the Los Angeles Area War Chest, and other governmental agencies to take such steps necessary to continue this day care center for children of working mothers until permanent means can be taken to meet the cost of operation.

Councilman Cucci moved that the City Council concur in the views expressed in the resolution submitted by the Torrance Lions Club and that efforts be made to obtain the continuance of the Torrance Child Care Center, and that the Lions Club be so advised. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Veterans of Foreign Wars, Torrance Post No. 3251, advising that the Torrance-Lomita Child Care Center will soon close. They strenuously objected to this proposed move,

and requested that their communication be transmitted to the proper authorities with the request that the Child Care Center be continued.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Council concur in the views expressed and that efforts be made to obtain the continuance of the Child Care Center. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk be instructed to send copies of the two requests for the continuance of the Torrance Child Care Center to the League of California Cities. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Deputy Clerk Hallanger presented and read:

RESOLUTION NO. 1739

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR EX-
PENDITURE OF 1/4 CENT GAS TAX
ALLOCATED FOR STATE HIGHWAYS.

Councilman Cucci moved that Resolution No. 1739 be adopted. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Deputy Clerk Hallanger presented and read:

RESOLUTION NO. 1740

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING MEMO-
RANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR ACCUMULATION
OF THE 1/4 CENT GAS TAX ALLOCATED
FOR STREETS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1740 be adopted. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Frederick Wertalla be employed as a war emergency engineer in the Fire Department at a salary of \$175.00 per month, effective August 20, 1945. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$200.00 be made for repair parts for Motor-Grader in the Street Department. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$425.00 be made for road materials for resurfacing of Madrid Avenue, South of Dominguez Street. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$975.00 be made for plant-mix surfacing on Arlington Avenue, between Plaza del Amo and Lincoln Avenue. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to advertise for bids on a portable trailer-type air compressor with jackhammers, hose, etc. for the Street Department. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Oscar T. Bergdahl be employed on a temporary basis, as a chainman in the Engineering Department, to replace Tom Ireland, resigned, at a salary of \$1.25 per hour. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to investigate and, if possible, have installed a light at Crenshaw and Redondo Riverside Boulevards. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for the construction of a workshop for the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$5233.95 be made for renewal of insurance for comprehensive liability for all departments for the City of Torrance. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that George Schmidt be employed for a period of five days in the Water Department, at the rate of \$170.00 per month. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that Mrs. Annette P. Babcock be employed on a temporary basis, as extra bookkeeper and cashier in the Water Department, at the rate of 90¢ per hour. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson advised that at the meeting of August 17, two applications had been received to operate a taxi service in the City of Torrance, and that action on said applications had been deferred until the present meeting.

Councilman Powell moved that both applicants be granted permits in accordance with their applications and subject to whatever rules and regulations to be incorporated in an ordinance to be adopted later; and that the Council be authorized to draw up an ordinance regulating the establishment of a taxi service in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Gilbert stated one of the applicants is an ex-veteran who wished to operate a taxi from out of town under his own name.

Councilman Powell advised that he had talked to the applicant who informed him that he was using his own money to set himself up in business and Councilman Powell was in the favor of treating all applicants the same and that competition in taxi service business would be a good thing for the City.

Councilman Gilbert was of the opinion that this matter had not been discussed sufficiently, and that the City Council as a whole should have more time in which to thoroughly discuss the matter before accepting or rejecting the applications.

Councilman Cucci asked Councilman Gilbert if he had any objections to issuing a permit to a service man, until such time as the Ordinance Committee draws up an ordinance.

Councilman Gilbert replied that he had no objections to granting permits to veterans, but he did object to a man operating a cab from out of town. He explained that in the near future some of the City's own veterans will be returning who may desire to establish a taxi business and he believed they should be given preference.

A discussion ensued on the method of operating a taxi business and the manner in which an ordinance should be created to govern such a business.

Councilman Cucci then seconded the motion made by Councilman Powell, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Hitchcock. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Jain reported that he was unable to secure an extended telephone service for Mrs. Gonner, which was requested at the meeting of August 17; also that he had not had time to establish water rates to be charged consumers of the North Torrance District.

Engineer Jain reported that Neece Avenue would be the next project after the work on Crenshaw Boulevard is finished.

In accordance with request of Mr. Frank B. Bates made at the meeting of August 17, Engineer Jain recommended that he be granted a renewal permit for a period of 90 days to live in a house tent on the premises located at 24241 Ward Street, WALTERIA, for the reason that he has not been able to secure a clear title to the property; and that the building permits be transferred to Lot 10, Block 2, Meadow Park Tract, which property Mr. Bates has purchased and has obtained a clear title.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that upon recommendation of Engineer Jain, Mr. Bates be granted a renewal permit to live on the premises at 24241 Ward Street, WALTERIA, for a period of 90 days, and the building permits be transferred to Lot 10, Block 2, Meadow Park Tract. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

At this time each Councilman was served with a Petition of Writ of Mandamus to compel the Defendants to proceed in accordance with law in the disposal of a public utility and Points and Authorities.

Councilman Cucci asked the City Attorney what procedure to follow. Attorney McCall replied that he had not seen the Petition for Writ of Mandamus. This was handed to him and Attorney McCall proceeded to read it.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this summons be referred to the City Attorney for whatever action he thinks necessary. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion.

Councilman Powell stated that he was not in favor of voting for expenditures for legal advice as this is a personal responsibility for each councilman.

Councilman Gilbert explained that the motion was not to appropriate money to defray the expenses for legal advice, it was only a motion to refer the matter to the City Attorney.

A discussion followed, Councilman Powell asking that the motion be changed as he was not supporting a motion for the expenditure of any moneys for an act of the majority of the Council which he believes to be wrong.

Attorney McCall advised that he will be glad to handle the litigation. He said that Councilman Powell is correct in his statement and that there is nothing set up in the Municipal Act

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stating that the City Attorney will handle individual law suits without remuneration, but added that if the Council desires him to handle the case, he will handle the defense for nothing.

There being a motion before the Council, Mayor Tolson called for a roll call vote, which was carried as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci and Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

In response to Mr. Stohr's question on what does a temporary employee mean, Mayor Tolson explained that temporary employees are not under civil service, but are under the authority of the head of a department.

It was explained to Mr. Stohr that a mistake had been made in using the words, "temporary employee", as all employees hired during the war should have been classified as, "War Emergency Employees".

Councilman Powell explained to Mr. Stohr that he had not been dismissed because his services were not satisfactory, but because Engineer Jain desired to employ someone who could relieve him of some of the work and who would eventually become Assistant Engineer.

A discussion followed on whether Mr. Stohr was entitled to compensation to September 15.

Engineer Jain said he had no authority to pay Mr. Stohr for services after August 24th, the date of dismissal, and that he was in favor of paying Mr. Stohr his salary to September 15, but only the Council has this authority. No action taken.

Mr. Weber objected to the sale of the Bus Line and called attention to some of the cases mentioned in City Attorney McCall's opinion on the legality of the sale, contending these references were out-moded. With reference to the bus driver who was dismissed, he said Mr. Callihan was under Civil Service and should stand trial.

Mr. O'Toole declared that veterans should be granted permits to operate taxi service, and if denied the Council would be making a great mistake.

Mr. Harry B. Lewis referred to his recent appearance before the Council and recommended at that time that the City procure the Lomita Flight Strip for a Municipal Airport. He reiterated that recommendation at this time but denied any desire or offer to go to Washington, D.C.

Mr. Hagberg, representing Local 360, State, County and Municipal Employees Union, read a letter requesting a meeting of the Council with Union representatives to discuss a number of things including a raise in wages.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Council meet with the Executive Board of Local 360 Union, on Tuesday, September 4, 1945, at 7:45 P.M., and that the City Clerk notify the Union to this effect. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Michels stated that at a previous Council meeting the City Clerk had been authorized to advertise for bids for a Recreation Building in WALTERIA, but to date the bids had not been advertised and wished to know what the Council was doing about the matter.

Councilman Cucci explained why the bids had been rejected and Councilman Gilbert read excerpts from the Minutes of July 17, 1945 to clarify this question.

A discussion followed on whether it was the duty of the City Clerk or the City Engineer to advertise for bids.

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

At 10:10 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. B. [Signature]
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

ATTEST:

W. H. [Signature]
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE