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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, March 26, 1946 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

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

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Powell moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held March 12, 1946 be approved as written. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Verla M. Davis, 3421 West 111th Street, Inglewood, requesting permission to maintain and operate a

kennel for the purpose of raising Samoyede dogs in North Torrance, the property involved being four acres on 190th Street between Hawthorne Boulevard and Prairie Avenue, 1/4 mile east of Hawthorne Boulevard.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be referred to the Planning Commission for investigation and report. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Matilda S. Winters, 1210 El Prado Street, advising that she has sold her hotel business as of March 15, 1946, and requesting a refund on the unused portion of her Business License.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Clerk be authorized to refund the unused portion of Business License No. 98, dated July 9, 1946, for operation of the Murray Hotel, 1210 El Prado Street. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

A communication dated March 5, 1946, addressed to Mr. William P. Vurpillat, and signed by Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, was read, calling attention to the fact that the driveway adjacent to Mr. Vurpillat's cafe has not been reconstructed in accordance with City specifications, although Mr. Vurpillat has been notified to have the construction done properly.

A typewritten note was affixed to the letter from Mr. Vurpillat, requesting permission to explain his position in this matter.

At this time, Mr. Vurpillat, who was in the audience, addressed the Council, asserting that the responsibility for this job rests with the contractor, and not with him, since the contractor hired to do the job was a regularly licensed contractor, and was, therefore, in a position to know about regulations for driveway construction, whereas he was not. He added that, if a contractor who holds a City license does not complete a job to the satisfaction of the city, then his license should be revoked. He contended that, in any event, the person who employs the contractor in good faith should not be held responsible for a development of this nature.

After asking Engineer Jain whether or not the name of the contractor who did this job is on file, and receiving an affirmative reply from Mr. Jain, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the entire matter be held in abeyance pending further investigation by the Council. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Associated Assessment Engineers, signed by Basil R. Greig, relative to restoration to current tax basis of Hollywood Riviera No. 2 properties, sometimes known as the Ocean View properties.

A resume was given of a recent conference between the City Council, Mr. Packard, Mr. Whiteman and Mr. Greig of the Associated Assessment Engineers in connection with this matter.

It was advised that fee title to the properties in question is owned by the Ocean View Properties, Incorporated, Mr. John Daly being General Manager and Representative of the Board of Directors.

It was stated that the property consists of three tracts of land plus Lot 4 of Tract No. 8875, being 119 (plus or minus) acres, with one of the tracts lying west of the Palos Verdes Highway with approximately 2,000 feet of beach frontage.

It was added that Mr. Daly and Mr. Whiteman have been working with County Supervisor Darby over a period of many months and have arrived at an agreement to deed the properties west of the Highway to the County for the development of a shoreline park. In return, Mr. Darby has agreed to permit, without County interference, the City of Torrance to purchase a tax deed to the properties east of the Highway and resell same to the highest and/or best bidder.

It was stated that it is assumed Mr. Daly will offer the highest bid for tax titles, he having agreed to bid approximately \$54,000.00, which figure was arrived at by using the County formula as it existed prior to September 1945, during which period these negotiations were commenced.

An outline was given of the method of arriving at the above figure. It was stated that Mr. Daly's bid will be made on this basis, with 33-1/3% payable on the acceptance of the bid by the City, the balance to be payable in equal installments over a period of the next succeeding 22 months, which will conclude his payments in ample time to remit to Los Angeles County the total purchase price prior to expiration of the proposed option by the City and the County. It was stated that the City has, for consideration, the option referred to, ready for signature.

Further details were given relative to advertising, (this item amounting to an estimated \$1300.00) fees for the Associated Assessment Engineers and City Attorney McCall, etc.

It was recommended by Associated Assessment Engineers that the City give preference to the bidder who will purchase all of the property, insofar as is practicable to give preference to the present fee title owner (Mr. Daly). Reasons for this recommendation were outlined.

In conclusion, it was stated that the Associated Assessment Engineers believe this transaction will be very beneficial to the City of Torrance in that it will result in the acquisition of a County park, the recovery of a considerable portion of delinquent tax moneys now owed the City, and the restoration to a current tax basis of all the properties east of Palos Verdes Highway with the possible addition of many thousands of dollars of assessed valuation because of the contemplated building, Mr. Daly having in mind a development which anticipates the building of many new homes.

Relative to fee to be charged by Associated Assessment Engineers, which was reduced from 18% to 12%, with a stipulation that Mr. John McCall, City Attorney, is to receive an additional 2% for his efforts in the transaction, making a total fee of 14% of the sale price, it was stated that the Associated Assessment Engineers would like their fee in two remittances, i.e., 50% when the down payment is made to the City by the ultimate purchaser of the land, and the balance when payment is completed to the City by the purchaser.

In reply to Councilman Hitchcock's question as to whether or not this sale will be properly advertised in the customary manner in order that anyone who may so desire may bid on the property, Clerk Bartlett replied that this would be done and anyone could bid on it.

Attorney McCall advised verbally that he has followed this matter carefully and knows that the Associated Assessment Engineers have worked diligently to have a suitable agreement arrived at between Mr. Daly, the City and the County. However, he said, there are two questions which have occurred to him, being (1) in the event Mr. Daly does not get the property, the City being legally obligated to sell to the highest bidder, will Mr. Daly have any legal recourse in a suit against the City of Torrance, and (2) in connection with the stipulation made by Associated Assessment Engineers whereby they request 50% of their fee when the down payment is made by the purchaser, would it not be better to wait until the amounts are fully paid, remitted to the County, and then returned to the City before paying this fee?

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication and entire matter be referred to the City Attorney for further study and report to the Council at an early date. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from The Texas Company, advising that for the period January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945, inclusive, The Texas Company returns show that no gross receipts had arisen from the use, operation or possession of Ordinances Nos. 117, 884, 1129 and 1377. However, a check in the amount of \$21.96 was submitted in full payment of all amounts due or claimed to be due under these ordinances, and represented a compromise payment.

Councilman Hitchcock questioned this, whereupon Attorney McCall advised that the company actually owes the City money, but offers this compromise settlement instead, adding that, heretofore, he, Mr. McCall, had been unable to devote time to the matter of franchise earnings due the City, but hoped to be in a position to devote sufficient time to the subject in the future to obtain for the City the proper amounts.

Councilman Powell suggested refusing acceptance of the check and return of same until the Council is satisfied as to the amount. Attorney McCall stated that it could be held until the matter is settled, or returned, whichever is desired.

Councilman Powell moved that the matter be referred to the City Attorney for investigation and report to the Council at an early date. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Shell Oil Company, enclosing a check in the amount of \$421.37, representing amounts due under Franchise Ordinances Nos. 116, 121, 174, and 1356 and 1502 (Los Angeles County) for the period ending December 31, 1945. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Southern California Gas Company, enclosing a check in the amount of \$4636.07 as payment in full of franchise earnings for the period January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945, inclusive, under Franchise Ordinance No. 322. Matter of record.

A communication from The Metropolitan Water District, addressed to the City Engineer, was read, making reference to Mr. Jain's letter of February 7, 1946 in which he requested a statement of the views of the District in respect to alternative plans for serving Colorado River water to the Walteria area in the City of Torrance.

A brief summary was set forth in the letter of the alternative plan, with a statement following that the District's Board of Directors had approved the recommendation of Mr. Hinds, General Manager and Chief Engineer of the District, that the District offer no objection to the alternative plan provided that (1) the plan has the approval of the City of Torrance (2) the City will see that the water is properly metered so that the Walteria district will receive the same amount of water as delivered by the Metropolitan Water District to the Palos Verdes Water Company main (this main to be used as a transmission line to a point in the vicinity of Walteria where the water would be metered out for use in the affected portion of the City of Torrance), (3) billing for water service by the Metropolitan Water District will be made to the City of Torrance, and (4) it is understood that the Metropolitan Water District will not assume responsibility for the quality of the water after blending with water from another source, nor be obligated to furnish stand-by service to the Palos Verdes Water Company.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this communication be filed for future reference by the Council. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Jacob G. Koch, advising of a proposed plan to construct about two hundred twenty-five single-family residences on the fifty-six acres at the northwest corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and 190th Street in the City of Torrance.

It was advised that, in order to successfully complete this project, it is vitally necessary that an appropriate water and sewer system be installed to service said development.

It was asked whether or not the City would extend practical assistance, with perhaps the aid of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Department, in the construction of a sewer line to the property above-mentioned from the Arlington Avenue sewer main, and offering to pay an amount of not to exceed \$2,000.00 towards said construction.

A short discussion ensued relative to proposed sewer improvements contemplated, after which Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Mayor be authorized to obtain whatever information and data as is available, relative to proposed sewer construction, from Metropolitan Sewer District No. 5, and advise Mr. Koch of the contemplated improvements. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Smith Booth Usher Company, relative to City Purchase Order No. 30030 dated June 8, 1945 for purchase of one Bucyrus-Erie Dozer shovel mounted on International Harvester Model TD-9 tractor.

It was advised that, although the equipment is now ready for delivery to the City, delivery to Smith Booth Usher Company having been delayed due to strikes and material shortages, that said company releases the City of Torrance from any liability to accept the equipment with the understanding that the City will purchase from Smith Booth Usher Company one new Jaeger 105 cubic foot portable air compressor, complete with necessary air tools, in view of the fact that the City of Torrance has been successful in securing from Government Surplus Property a duplicate of the equipment originally ordered on Purchase Order No. 30030. It was stated that the company is in a position to deliver the air compressor in the immediate future.

Engineer Jain advised that this letter had been submitted as a confirmation by the Smith Booth Usher Company that the company would release the City from all liability to purchase the equipment originally ordered.

A communication was read from The American Legion, Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, requesting permission to sponsor a carnival, name of same being The Ferris Greater Shows, in the City of Torrance for 5 days from July 9 to July 14, 1946.

Councilman Powell moved that the request be granted. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Walteria Parent Teachers Association, Walteria, expressing appreciation for cooperation given by Mr. Fred Blake, Park Superintendent during a recent Arbor Day Celebration. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Shoreline Planning Association of California, Incorporated, enclosing an invoice in the amount of \$150.00 for dues for the year 1946, an increase of \$50.00 over last year's dues.

It was advised that this increase is based on the revised budget, a copy of which was enclosed, and called attention to the ever increasing activities of the Association.

Mayor Tolson stated that he felt the fine work of the Shoreline Planning Association in its efforts to preserve the beaches and seashore, for which California is noted, should be recognized as such.

Mayor Tolson moved that \$150.00 be appropriated for 1946 dues for membership of the City of Torrance in the Shoreline Planning Association of California, Incorporated. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

A communication was read from Lloyd Aldrich, Chairman, Los Angeles Metropolitan Parkway Engineering Committee, addressed to the City Engineer, enclosing a copy of the minutes of the February 7th meeting of the Committee; 3 copies of a form of resolution approving the freeway system; 1 copy of map showing the freeway system; 1 copy of statement concerning possible methods of financing the freeway system; and 1 copy of statement concerning the estimated cost of freeway system.

Mayor Tolson advised that State Senator Collier's Interim Committee, being a Joint Fact Finding Committee of the State Legislature, will hold hearings relative to this matter in Los Angeles during the first week in April. He said that someone should be appointed to represent the City of Torrance at the hearing scheduled for April 1, 1946, as, he said, Senator Collier's Interim Committee must be "sold" on the idea, as he is from Northern California where the need of a freeway system is not so urgently needed.

Mayor Tolson moved that the City Engineer be authorized to attend the hearing on April 1, 1946, above referred to, as a representative of the City of Torrance. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Tolson stated that he would also endeavor to attend this meeting.

A petition, bearing 107 signatures, was read, requesting removal of the stop sign located at 220th Street and Arlington Avenue,

maintaining that this location should be a school stop only, there being a school guard in attendance during school hours.

Councilman Powell moved that this petition and request be referred to the Chief of Police for recommendation. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A resolution, dated March 12, 1946, from the Lions Club, was read, urging the assignment to Torrance of one or more companies of the California National Guard.

A similar resolution was read from the Kiwanis Club, dated March 11, 1946, also urging that the City of Torrance be made the headquarters of at least one company of Infantry troops of the California National Guard.

It was stated that some thought had been given to presenting a corner of the unused property at the Municipal Park as an armory site. Councilman Gilbert stated that he had made a motion to this effect at the last meeting, and again so moved. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Clerk be instructed to request the committee and representatives of the various organizations interested in this subject to meet with the City Council for discussion of a suitable armory site, the meeting to be scheduled for the earliest possible date. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Torrance City Planning Commission, advising that, at a regular adjourned Meeting held March 19, 1946, the Planning Commission considered and approved the Tentative Map, Tract No. 14016, submitted by Mr. J. E. Kettler, consisting of approximately sixty acres to be subdivided into 193 lots. It was advised that the property is now located in A-1 Zone, and will be re-zoned by the Planning Commission, as well as by Deed restrictions, to R-1 Zone with the exception of one lot which will be re-zoned to C-1 Zone.

It was further stated that the tentative map, as submitted, showed street widths of 54 feet between property lines. The Engineering Department had recommended, it was stated, that no through streets of less than 60 feet be approved and permitted in new subdivisions, as it has proven impracticable to install sidewalks, trees, street light conduits, etc. in a parkway width of less than twelve or thirteen feet.

It was advised that the Planning Commission had recommended that the Tentative Map of Tract No. 14016 be approved by the City Council.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be concurred in by the City Council. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Torrance City Planning Commission, advising that, at a regular adjourned meeting held March 19, 1946, the Commission considered the Petition for Variance, Case No. 35, of G. A. Bauman, to construct an addition to his present Restaurant building located at 4024 Pacific Coast Highway in WALTERIA, in order that he might enlarge the kitchen and provide a storeroom and outdoor dining patio. It was advised that this property is now located in A-1 Zone, for which a previous Variance was granted to allow the present restaurant.

Mr. Jain advised that, after hearing all the evidence, the Commission approved the granting of the Variance as requested and recommends that the City Council concur in this action.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be concurred in by the City Council. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer and Secretary, Torrance City Planning Commission, advising that at an adjourned meeting of the Commission, the Petition for Variance, Case No. 34, presented by Mrs. Thora Yoder, 2815 Arlington Avenue, was considered, to allow construction of a 30 ft. by 50 ft. building at the same address, to be used as a tool and die shop. It was stated that the property is located in an R-3 Zone.

It was stated that, after hearing all evidence regarding Case No. 34, the Commission unanimously approved the granting of the Petition, upon the condition that the structure be erected and the business be conducted at the extreme rear of the lot, known as Lot No. 3, Block No. 300, Tract No. 1952, as agreed by Mrs. Yoder in her letter of March 7, 1946.

It was recommended that the Council concur in this action.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission relative to Case No. 34. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Torrance City Planning Commission, advising that, at a regular Adjourned meeting held March 19, 1946, the Commission considered and approved the Tentative Map, Tract No. 13901, submitted by Mr. Ben Haggott, consisting of approximately sixty-nine acres to be subdivided into 188 lots. It was stated that this property is located at the northeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and the easterly boundary of the City of Redondo Beach, now zoned A-1 and which will be re-zoned by the Planning Commission, as well as deed restriction, to R-1, with the exception of one lot which will be re-zoned to C-1 Zone.

It was added that the Commission's approval was contingent upon the dedication by the subdivider of a 30 foot street easement, to connect those streets which dead-end within the boundaries of this tract, and that minimum grades of streets be not less than 0.3 percent and the minimum street widths between the property lines be 60 feet.

It was the recommendation of the Commission that the City Council concur in this approval.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Council concur in the approval of the Planning Commission as above stated. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from C. Z. Ward, Manager, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, requesting the Council to authorize the sale of one-half fare school tickets to Veterans who are being given schooling by the Government, stating that the Veterans are riding the busses to Los Angeles five days a week to attend Trade Schools.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request be granted, and that Mr. Ward be authorized to issue one-half fare school tickets to Veterans who are attending school in Los Angeles under the Government G. I. Schooling program. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

A communication, signed by all Department Heads of the City of Torrance, was read, requesting that the Council grant a 20% blanket increase in salary to all City employees, and presenting the following facts for consideration:

- (1) The cost of living has increased from 40% to 50%.
- (2) The City employees, in general, have not received increases in proportion to those granted in other businesses and industries or to the rise in cost of living.
- (3) Recent strikes and labor movements throughout the country have resulted in increases of 18% to 25% in most of the major industries, utilities and other lines of employment, including State, County and Municipal fields.
- (4) Most of the privately employed persons in Torrance have received substantial increases within the past few months.
- (5) No general increase has been granted City employees since July 1st, 1944.
- (6) In order for the City of Torrance to secure and retain capable, efficient and qualified personnel, to maintain a high standard of City service, and a high morale among the employees, the City must meet the conditions offered by private industry and business.

A communication was read from State, County and Municipal Workers of America, Local 360, dated March 14, 1946, advising that, at a regular meeting of the Local held March 14, 1946, a

wage policy committee was appointed, members of said committee being: J. R. Winters, A. B. Cameron, J. E. Long, N. P. Hawks, A. E. Treloar, G. C. Callihan, R. Russell. It was stated that the committee is desirous of holding a meeting with the City Council at an early date for discussion of a wage increase policy affecting all employees of the City.

A communication was read from the Wage Policy Committee, signed by five members of the committee, dated March 23, 1946, requesting a 25% increase in salary for all City employees, retroactive to January 1, 1946.

Councilman Gilbert moved that action relative to increases for City Employees be deferred until the April 2, 1946 adjourned meeting of the City Council, any increases authorized at that time to be made retroactive to this date (March 26, 1946) to allow the Finance Committee sufficient time to render a report to the entire Council of findings of a recent conference. This motion failed for want of a second.

Councilman Powell stated that the members of the Finance Committee, consisting of Councilmen Powell, Hitchcock and Mayor Tolson, had conferred relative to this matter and made a study of the budget. He said that Mayor Tolson had been delegated to make a report to the Council of findings, and that he believed Mayor Tolson was prepared to do so at this time.

Mayor Tolson reported that the Finance Committee had studied the budget and given the matter of proposed increases for City Employees diligent thought and consideration, and had arrived at the conclusion that, in view of the fact that the increases are requested on the basis of increased living costs, and since living costs have increased the same for everyone, it would be more fair to City Employees to grant a flat increase for all City Employees, rather than on a percentage basis, to give those employees in the lower pay brackets the same consideration as will be given those in the high income brackets. He said that a flat \$35.00 per month increase for all City Employees had been agreed upon.

Mayor Tolson then moved that all City Employees be granted an increase in salary of \$35.00 per month, effective April 1, 1946, because of the fact that living costs have increased to the extent that an increase is necessary in order to maintain efficient, qualified and capable personnel. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of \$99.64, plus tax, be made for six tires for Police Cars. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$750.00 be made for road oil for road-mix surfacing of Amie Street between Torrance Boulevard and Spencer Street. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Clyde Cain be employed as a Park Maintenance Man, on a temporary basis, replacing Theodore Smith, at a salary of \$170.00 per month, effective March 19, 1946. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Clerk Bartlett interrupted at this point to make a report which, he stated, he had overlooked during the earlier part of the meeting, being that he had checked the petitions recently filed in connection with the establishment of a water district in the North Torrance area, and had found that said petitions contained sufficient signatures, which petitions will be filed at the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council scheduled for April 2, 1946.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$963.90 be made for 612 feet cast iron pipe for Crenshaw Boulevard, for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$963.90 be made for 612 feet cast iron pipe for Dominguez Street, for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$233.03 be made for 144 feet cast iron pipe for Carson Street, for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$309.80 be made for tees, ells, nipples and pipe for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$127.80 be made for 12 hydrant barrels for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$329.60 be made for 8 valves for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$326.60 be made for 4 - 2" water meters, Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$713.00 be made for 25 - 1" water meters, Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$649.00 be made for 50 - 5/8" x 3/4" water meters, Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$1286.97 be made for election supplies, including ballots, for the April 9, 1946 General Municipal Election. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$60.57 plus tax be made for 3 brake relay valves for busses, Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that Sherman Miller be re-employed as a bus operator, at a salary of \$200.00 per month, effective March 18, 1946, Mr. Sherman having been on Military leave of absence. After establishing the fact that Mr. Miller will be eligible for the general increase effective April 1, 1946, Councilman Powell having asked the question, the motion was seconded by Councilman Gilbert, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$369.00 be made for 1 Ford Transmission complete for Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$91.50 be made for 4 sets brake lining for Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$56.33, plus tax, be made for oil for the Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that Raymond E. Parr and John T. Haley be employed as bus operators, on a temporary basis, at a salary of \$185.00 per month, each, effective February 21, 1946 and March 3, 1946, respectively. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that John D. Disario be employed as a Mechanic, Grade B, on a temporary basis, at a salary of \$210.00 per month, effective March 11, 1946. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson advised that Dean Gilbert has been transferred from the position of mechanic's helper to that of bus attendant, with no change in salary.

Mayor Tolson moved that the transfer of Nicholas J. Chaykowski from the position of bus attendant to that of mechanic, Grade B, at a salary of \$210.00 per month, effective March 1, 1946, be authorized. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$140.43 be made, payable to Chamber of Commerce, for advertising purposes. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Engineer Jain advised that he had been contacted by Mr. Woodner of the City of Los Angeles, who had suggested that the City appoint a representative to attend a meeting scheduled for Friday, March 29, 1946 at 1:30 P.M. for discussion of the Western Avenue matter.

Councilman Powell moved that Mr. Jain, City Engineer, be appointed to represent the City of Torrance at this meeting. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

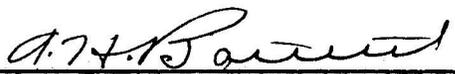
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. J. R. Winters, Chairman of the Wage Policy Committee of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, Local #360, advised that the Committee is still desirous of holding a meeting with the City Council for discussion of various matters.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Clerk Bartlett be authorized to arrange a meeting at the earliest possible date this week and notify the committee and the Council of the date and time of meeting. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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

At 9:00 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the meeting adjourned to April 2, 1946, 7:45 P.M.

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE