

Torrance, California
May 28, 1946

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, May 28, 1946 at 7:50 P.M.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

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

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Tolson moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held May 14, 1946 be approved as written. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Walteria Civic Organization, requesting the Council to take action against Mr. Quandt in the matter of frequent overflow of his water tank onto Neece Avenue. Reference was made to a letter of March 12, 1946 in connection with the matter, with the statement that the Council had voted at that time to take action against Mr. Quandt.

Clerk Bartlett advised that a communication had been forwarded to Mr. Quandt at that time, advising him that another complaint had been made, there having been many during the past several years, and was informed that, unless means of eliminating this condition were taken, the City would have no alternative but to institute legal proceedings against him for recovery of damages.

Councilman Tolson moved that this matter be referred to the City Engineer for an estimate of the amount of damage done to public property by overflowing of water from the Quandt Water tank onto the streets. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Torrance Post No. 3251, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, calling attention to Memorial Day plans and requesting that the Post be advised as to whether or not the City will participate in the program.

Councilman Tolson moved that, inasmuch as plans have already been made known to the Post relative to participation of the City, the communication be filed. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Redondo Beach Lodge No. 1378, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, inviting the City Council and other interested City groups to attend a Flag Day Observance program June 14, 1946, 8:00 P.M. at the Elks Club House, Redondo Beach.

At 8:00 P.M., Clerk Bartlett announced that time had arrived for opening of bids for painting the Elevated Water Tank, Municipal Water District No. 1, and proceeded to open and read bids as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>JOB DETAIL</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF BID</u>
Parker Engineering Co. 4557 East Slauson Ave. Maywood, California	Labor, material, equipment, facilities, etc. for cleaning and painting elevated water tank and tank structure complete	\$ 3640.00

A Certified Check in the amount of \$364.00 accompanied the bid.

Action Industrial Painting Service 4916 East Slauson Ave. Maywood, California	Labor, equipment and material to complete cleaning and painting High Tower Storage Reservoir and Tower	\$ 2100.00
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A Bid Bond accompanied the bid.

The O'Connor Co. 8465 Denker Ave. Los Angeles, Calif.	Bid submitted on the bid form furnished, together with Specifications	\$ 3260.00
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A Cashier's Check in the amount of \$326.00 accompanied the bid.

Councilman Powell moved that the bids be referred to Mr. W. H. Stanger, Manager of Municipal Water District No. 1, and Mr. McCall, City Attorney, for checking and report to the Council. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the State Employees' Retirement System, advising that the State has received information from the Actuaries stating that the valuation for the City of Torrance will be mailed from that office not later than June 15, 1946. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, advising that, in connection with the proposed improvement by the Los Angeles Board of Education of portions of Elm Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, abutting the Fern Avenue Elementary School site, the Board of Education will furnish the following services as requested by Mr. Jain, with the understanding that the City of Torrance will perform certain services listed below:

Services to be Furnished by the Board of Education

1. A survey crew to set all stakes, with the exception of special grades which the City of Torrance might require at curb returns, etc.
2. A full-time Inspector to be supplemented by, and to work with the City Engineer's Office.

Services to be Furnished by the City of Torrance

1. Lower all manholes necessary to conform to the established grade.
2. Move any fire hydrants necessary to conform with new locations of curbs.
3. Construct sub-grade and paving along Torrance Boulevard between the present concrete pavement and the new 24" concrete gutter.
4. Furnish part-time Inspection Service to work with the Board's Full-time Inspector.

It was stated that it is understood that the Labor and Material Bond and Performance Bond required by the School District will be extended to protect the City of Torrance and the Board of Education, and further that the contractor will be required to furnish the City of Torrance with certificates of insurance for property damage, liability and compensation insurance.

Engineer Jain reported that his office had prepared the plans, and that the Board of Education is following them and recommended, therefore, that the proposal as outlined in the letter be approved and accepted by the City Council. He stated further that the Board of Education is expending practically all the funds necessary for this improvement.

Councilman Powell moved that the proposal of the Board of Education wherein the Board agrees to perform certain services in connection with the proposed improvement of portions of Elm Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, be approved and accepted by the City Council, full terms of said proposal being fully set forth above. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

A communication was read from The Fybro Brick and Construction Company, 1804 - 212th Street, Torrance, signed by Lester L. Hedgecock, co-owner, again calling attention to the fact that United Sulphur and Chemical Company, adjacent to the brick company property, has made no noticeable attempt to control the nuisance created in handling their product, and requesting that immediate action be taken.

It was advised that this matter was introduced at the last meeting and referred to the City Engineer and Fire Chief for investigation and report, whereupon Chief McMaster was requested to render a report.

Chief McMaster reported orally that he had held conferences with Mr. Medley, owner of the United Sulphur and Chemical Company, who advised that his company is making every effort to obtain certain machinery which will eliminate, to some extent, the nuisance of dust, and presented Mr. Bartlett with letters confirming this report.

Clerk Bartlett read the letters handed to him by Chief McMaster as follows:

First communication read was from United Sulphur Company, signed by Harry A. Medley, stating that the company has on order certain machinery which will remove their bagging operations from the east side of their property to approximately the middle which will eliminate, to some extent, dust caused by this operation. It was also stated that the company is endeavoring to have a cyclone dust collector installed on the property.

Second letter read was a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Lester Hedgecock, under date of April 29, 1946, from United Sulphur Company, offering to purchase the two lots which Mr. Hedgecock purchased adjacent to the sulphur concern to forestall all trouble which might arise from the operations of the sulphur business.

After some discussion, it was decided to leave the matter as it now stands, since United Sulphur Company is making every possible effort to abate the nuisance. Mr. McCall, City Attorney, stated that the matter is one in which the City cannot become involved legally, since it is definitely a civil matter between the two companies.

Councilman Tolson moved that the communication from Fybro Brick and Construction Company be filed for future reference. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Dave Kimmel, requesting refund on unused portion of business license issued to him January 12, 1946, and which was used twelve days prior to selling of his grocery store.

Councilman Powell moved that the unused portion of the business license referred to be refunded. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

A communication was read from Mrs. Bertha Turner, requesting refund on unused portion of Business License No. 427, issued to Bar B Riding Academy December 15, 1945, the business having moved to Los Angeles.

Councilman Tolson moved that the unused portion of Business License No. 427 be refunded. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

A communication was read from the Vista Highlands Property Owners' Committee, advising that a majority of the property owners in the area bounded by Crenshaw Boulevard on the east, Torrance Boulevard on the north, Juniper Avenue on the west, and Monterey Street on the south, have definitely indicated that they desire to have the streets paved, the curbs, gutters, sidewalks and street lights installed, and that they are ready and willing to form an assessment district for the installation of the street lights and sidewalks, but feel that the City of Torrance should improve the streets with a 2" plant-mix surfacing and install concrete curbs and gutters. It was urged that this matter be given careful consideration.

Councilman Tolson moved that the matter be referred to the City Engineer for an estimate of cost of these improvements. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety, making reference to a recent editorial in the Torrance Herald wherein, it was stated, the implication was made that various cities and the County of Los Angeles are closing their eyes to many requirements of their building codes in order to further construction. The writer went to lengths to repudiate this statement and to challenge the fairness of singling out various cities and the County with a charge of this kind, and concluded by stating that the County has not lowered its standards, and feel that, for the good of all concerned, the standards for building should not be lowered. The letter was signed by Cassatt D. Griffin, Acting Chief, Department of Building and Safety.

Councilman Powell moved that the communication be filed for future reference. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from W. A. Mason, Vice President, Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association, referring to the matter of a proposal that the City erect a house in the Vaughn Scott park area to house a supervisor-caretaker. It was requested that, if such a proposal is being considered, the Association be notified in sufficient time to send a delegate to the meeting which might be held for discussion of the subject.

A communication was read from William M. Edwards and William A. Mason, President and Vice President, respectively, of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association, protesting against any proposal to grant a thirty year lease to the Vaughn Scott Park for exclusive use of the Boy Scouts of America organization, or any organization, for exclusive use by said organization.

A communication was read from William M. Edwards and William A. Mason, President and Vice President, respectively, of Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association, requesting the City to begin negotiations with the California Water Service Company of Redondo Beach to have water lines inspected, checked, and the water turned on again for use of Park Department employees now engaged in landscaping, tree trimming and general beautification of the Hollywood Riviera area. It was stated that the water service along the parkways has been off since the Huntington-Redondo Company turned over the upkeep of the area to the City of Torrance.

Engineer Jain advised that water is available in the Park but that it would be inadvisable to have water turned on for watering the parkways, since there is no available help to care for the parkways in any event, and, he added, the parkways thrive without the extra water.

Mr. Mason, who was in the audience, stated that this request had been submitted on request of Mr. Hagberg, a City employee.

Mr. Jain stated that it was the agreement that the Huntington-Redondo Company would furnish water, and that, prior to the war, the City furnished one full time employee, but had been compelled to discontinue this service during the war, at which time the Huntington-Redondo Company had the water turned off. He again stated that the City has only enough help to provide a cleaning and trimming crew for the area part time.

Mr. Riley, Superintendent of the Recreation Department, corroborated the statement that there is water in the Vaughn Scott Park.

After some further discussion, the matter was referred to Engineer Jain for investigation and report to the City Council at a subsequent meeting. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that the two communications above-read in connection with the Vaughn Scott Park matter be filed for future reference. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Torrance High School, signed by Cora E. Mabee, Eleventh Grade Class Sponsor, requesting use of the Civic Auditorium for the Junior-Senior Prom Thursday evening, June 6, 1946, and requesting access to the building that day and the following for the purpose of decorating and cleaning up.

Clerk Bartlett advised that the auditorium reservations schedule has been checked, and that the date requested is unreserved.

Councilman Powell moved that the request be granted, and that the City Clerk be authorized to notify the School to that effect, and to advise as to rental fee. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A petition, bearing twenty-four signatures, comprised primarily of business men, was read, requesting that appropriate provisions be made in the budget for the 1946-47 fiscal year to provide for the proper grading and surfacing of Border Avenue from 213th Street to Plaza del Amo.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the request be referred to the City Engineer for recommendation and report to the City Council. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Clarence M. Gould, petitioning the City Council to grant him a variance in the zoning now covering the property situated at 23030 Narbonne Avenue for the purpose of changing the present zone to M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing).

It was stated that the former owner of a business operating at that address had applied for a variance to allow him to sell used merchandise, but that the Planning Commission had recommended that the zoning covering this property be changed to permit the selling of new furniture. He stated that no request had been made for a variance to allow sale of new furniture, and that the location is unsuitable for sale of new furniture.

Councilman Tolson said he felt the Planning Commission should have either granted or denied the request for variance to allow sale of used merchandise, but should not have recommended sale of new furniture, since that request had not been submitted by applicant.

Engineer Jain said that the phrase "new furniture" had not been used at all, and that the Commission had, in view of all the facts presented, simply recommended that nothing except new merchandise be sold from the premises. He said this matter had been reviewed by the Planning Commission over and over and was given diligent consideration before arriving at a decision. He said he did not believe the Commission would reconsider the matter unless it is presented as a new case by the new owner.

After some discussion as to proper action to be taken at this time, Councilman Tolson moved that Engineer Jain notify Mr. Gould as to proper procedure he must follow in making application to the Planning Commission for a Change of Zone. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented a petition bearing six signatures, which he said, should have been presented at the last meeting at which time a similar petition was read, requesting that one-hour parking be established on Sartori Avenue between Arlington Avenue and Portola Avenue.

Councilman Powell stated that this matter is being taken care of properly.

Clerk Bartlett presented, by reference only, a petition bearing fourteen signatures, protesting and objecting to the infiltration of Japanese who are using their school building and grounds for housing and trailer parking in the vicinity near the southwest corner of Market Street and Gramercy Place.

Councilman Tolson moved that the petition be filed for future reference. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Edgar G. Guattidge, requesting permission to operate a portable sandwich trailer along the beach in the City of Torrance.

Clerk Bartlett advised that the license fee is \$48.00 per annum and that a Health Permit is required before the license is issued.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request be granted, subject to approval of the Health Department. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Claude W. Bell, 1860 West 166th Street, requesting permission to install a temporary water meter on City property, on the north side of 166th Street, approximately 330 feet west of the Torrance City boundary line, for water service to a private residence; water to be furnished by the Southern California Water Company.

A recommendation was attached at the bottom of the letter, bearing the signature of Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, that the temporary installation be authorized, subject to location and depth prescribed by the City Engineer's office.

Councilman Powell moved that the request be granted on a temporary basis as recommended by Engineer Jain. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

An Application for Taxicab Owner's Permit, applicant being Sam LaGrasso, was presented for approval, the Chief of Police having approved same May 24, 1946.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City Council approve the application as presented. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, attaching a copy of a letter from the Bureau of Right of Way and Land for the City of Los Angeles addressed to the Los Angeles Board of Public Works, setting forth the right of way acquisition cost for that portion of Western Avenue lying within the City of Torrance.

Engineer Jain advised that the estimated cost of acquiring the right of way, exclusive of the actual cost of the land, moving or lowering of improvements, amounts to \$2615.00, which figure includes cost of Title Searches and Title Reports.

Engineer Jain recommended that the amount of not to exceed \$2615.00 be authorized to pay the City of Los Angeles for their expenses in acquiring such right of way, and that the Los Angeles Bureau Right of Way and Land be instructed to proceed with this acquisition, it being understood that any payments made to property owners for acquisition of land shall be approved by the City of Torrance before signing any agreements or contracts.

Engineer Jain requested, orally, that he be allowed to amend his recommendation to include, instead of "to proceed with this acquisition", "to proceed with negotiations in connection with this acquisition".

Councilman Tolson moved that the amount of not to exceed \$2615.00 be authorized to pay the City of Los Angeles for their expenses in acquiring rights of way in connection with the proposed Western Avenue improvement, and that the Los Angeles Bureau Right of Way and Land be instructed to proceed with negotiations in connection with said acquisition of rights of way, in accordance with the recommendation of Engineer Jain. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

A communication was read from Otto B. Willett, Deputy City Attorney, advising that, in connection with the civil action in the case of the City of Torrance vs. Glenn E. Hall, Case No. 8688, Justice Court of Inglewood Township, the City recovered judgment after trial of the case in the sum of \$219.53. He stated that this action involved property damage to one of the police cars resulting from being struck by a car driven by the defendant.

It was the recommendation of Attorney Willett that a compromise settlement of \$164.00 cash be accepted by the City due to uncertainty of collection of this judgment through small weekly or monthly payments, defendant having agreed to the cash settlement, and that Attorney Willett be authorized to file a satisfaction of judgment in this case upon receipt of \$164.00 cash.

Councilman Powell moved that the cash settlement of \$164.00 as recommended by Attorney Willett be accepted, and that Mr. Willett be authorized to file a satisfaction of judgment in the case upon receipt of said sum.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles, Department of the County Public Library, enclosing two copies of tentative budget estimated for County Library service to the City of Torrance for the year 1946-47, amounting to \$7569.82.

It was requested that the City advise, at an early date, as to amount agreed upon by the City and the Library Board in order that the Librarian may relay the information to the Board of Supervisors for budget purposes.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City of Torrance approve and accept the proposed budget for County Library services for the fiscal year 1946-47 in the amount of \$7,569.82. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles Health Department, enclosing four copies of contract for public health services in the City of Torrance for the fiscal year 1946-47.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign and execute the contract. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to and portions of:

RESOLUTION NO. 1777

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE CHIEF
OF POLICE TO ESTABLISH LIMITED TIME
ON PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1777 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1778

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ORDER
THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF OAK
AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1778 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 369

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING BUSINESS
LICENSE ORDINANCE NO. 235 AND REPEALING
CERTAIN OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Councilman Tolson moved that Ordinance No. 369 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Clerk Bartlett reported that Mr. Beebe, Attorney, had advised that some difficulty is being encountered in obtaining the true valuations of property in Municipal Water District No. 1 (Walteria-South Torrance) and Municipal Water District No. 2 (North Torrance). He said Mr. Beebe had expressed the opinion that a definite report will probably be ready for the next meeting. Matter of record.

Councilman Powell moved that Mayor Sherfey be appointed to represent the City of Torrance at meetings of the Los Angeles County Sanitation (No. 5 and South Bay) Districts. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$825.00 be made for road oil for construction of a road-mix surfacing on Madrona Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and Huntington Street. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$825.00 be made for road materials for resurfacing of Camino del Campo east of Catalina Avenue in the Hollywood Riviera district. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$550.00 be made for road materials for resurfacing the north and south alley between Crenshaw Boulevard and Beech Avenue, south of Torrance Boulevard. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$550.00 be made for road materials for resurfacing the north and south alley between Beech Avenue and Acacia Avenue, south of Torrance Boulevard. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$550.00 be made for road materials for resurfacing the north and south alley between Acacia Avenue and Madrid Avenue, south of Torrance Boulevard. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$375.00 be made for road materials for resurfacing the east and west alley, south of Torrance Boulevard, between Crenshaw

Boulevard and Madrid Avenue. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$375.00 be made for road materials for resurfacing the east and west alley, north of Carson Street, between Crenshaw Boulevard and Madrid Avenue. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$275.00 be made for road materials for resurfacing the alley in Block 31, Torrance Tract, between Manuel Avenue and Watson Avenue. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$175.00 be made for construction and replacement of the sidewalk in the El Prado Parkway at the rear of the City Hall. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$176.40, plus tax, be made for 4 dozen 1500-watt light globes for use in the Ball Park. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Tolson moved that \$100.00 be appropriated to augment the amount appropriated at the last meeting for painting and lettering Bus No. 106, an error having been made in appropriating \$125.00 instead of \$225.00. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Tolson moved that Paul Drury be employed as a Bus Operator, on a temporary basis, at a salary of \$220.00 per month, effective May 25, 1946. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$305.10 be made, payable to Verne D. Crall Enterprises, for services rendered, and that the City Clerk be instructed to notify the concern that the services between Verne D. Crall Enterprises and the City of Torrance is hereby ordered cancelled, effective immediately, said concern to be contacted at a subsequent date for additional services if required. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$500.00 be made to defray expenses of City Attorney McCall for a trip made to Washington, D. C., in the interest of acquiring for the City of Torrance the Lomita Flight Strip. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$920.96 be made for purchase of supplies, consisting of goosenecks, meter couplings, service stops and hydrant heads, for stock for Municipal Water District No. 1. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Clerk be authorized to direct communications to the Governor of the State of California, and the Adjutant General of the State of California, stating that the City Council of the City of Torrance goes on record as favoring the assignment to the City of Torrance of Infantry Troops of the California National Guard, and that the City hereby offers to contribute property for an armory, for use of troops so assigned, on a 99-year lease agreement. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey stated that, in the matter of the recommendation made by the Civil Service Board, presented at the last meeting, that the City return to regular Civil Service procedure July 1, 1946, a meeting had been held with the Civil Service Board and certain terms and conditions were agreed upon.

Councilman Powell stated that one of the conditions agreed upon was that, in regard to those employees, working as "war emergency" employees, who cannot qualify for permanent civil service jobs, they be afforded the opportunity of transferring to another department if a position is open in a department which position the employee can qualify for under Civil Service. He referred particularly to the Police and Fire Departments where certain employees are barred due to age regulations. He stated that, although the employees of those two departments have been notified of this condition, to his knowledge there has been no effort to transfer into other departments.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Clerk be authorized to notify all department heads of the terms and conditions agreed upon at the meeting above-referred to in order that all employees concerned may be fully informed, and that said terms and conditions be printed in the newspaper, effective date of return to regular civil service procedure to be July 1, 1946. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey reported that the question of whether or not the City can legally lease a park to a private organization, such as the Boy Scouts of America organization, (referring to the Vaughn Scott Park matter) has been referred to Attorney McCall for report.

Engineer Jain said he had obtained some estimates from the William's Waterproofing Company of cost of waterproofing the basement of the library building, this matter having been referred to Engineer Jain for estimates at a former meeting. He said the estimate for waterproofing the walls is \$432.00, and, if this method of eliminating the dampness is used, it will also be necessary to provide adequate ventilation, for which he had received estimates. However, he stated, he would like additional time to study the matter further and determine whether or not the City can, by doing the necessary work in connection with the ventilation, perform the job at a less figure than estimate furnished him.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Humphries, representing the Pacific Electric Railway Company, stated that his company had submitted an application for a certain franchise in the City of Torrance, which he had expected to be brought up at this meeting.

Attorney McCall advised that the application is in the process of being checked at this time by him and by the City Engineer's Office, and that certain changes are being recommended, which will entail returning the document to the Pacific Electric Railway Company before action can be taken by the Council.

Mr. Slonecker of WALTERIA asked, in connection with a matter which came up earlier in the meeting, i.e., permit to operate a portable lunch wagon on the beach, how the vehicle is confined to a certain area. He stated that a wagon could easily carry on business adjacent to an established cafe or restaurant, which would be an injustice to a place of business, with its overhead operating costs, time involved in building up a good trade, etc.

It was stated that the license designates the area. Mayor Sherfey stated that it is hoped the revised business license ordinance now in the process of preparation, will cover all the various points brought up from time to time, and thanked Mr. Slonecker for calling attention to the above matter.

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

At 9:25 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Powell, the meeting adjourned to June 3, 1946 at 7:00 P.M.

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

APPROVED:

Joseph Sherfey Jr.
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE