

Torrance, California
June 18, 1946

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Ad-
journed Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance,
California, on Tuesday, June 18, 1946 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

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

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Office of the City Attorney, signed by John E. McCall, City Attorney, relative to the proposed charter for the City of Torrance. Attorney McCall advised that the legislative body of a city, on its motion, may frame, or cause to be framed, a proposed charter for submission to the electors of the City. He advised that he has obtained copies of charters from other cities for reference and use in the preparation of the proposed City of Torrance Charter, and suggested that a committee of representative citizens be appointed to confer with the City Attorney's Office, or that an attorney be appointed to draft the proposed charter.

Mayor Sherfey advised that he had discussed this matter with the City Attorney's Office, and that he intends to appoint a Charter Committee, to be announced at a later date, to confer with Mr. McCall in connection with the charter question.

A communication was read from O'Melveny & Myers, advising that valuations for Municipal Water District No. 1 and Municipal Water District No. 2 have not been determined to date, but that his office is keeping in touch with the County Auditor's office in connection with same. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Pacific Waste Products Company, Torrance Boulevard at 213th Street, Torrance, relative to disposal of waste paper which the City collects and delivers to the City Dump for burning.

A proposal was submitted that the City trucks deliver the waste paper, either segregated or mixed, to the Pacific Waste Products Company's warehouse, and that, after a period of three or six months, during which time it can be determined by the concern how much of the material is of value to them, and what average weights are, an offer can then be made to the City, based on findings during the period mentioned, to reimburse the City and a suitable agreement worked out between the City and Pacific Waste Products Company.

Engineer Jain was asked for an opinion relative to the plan, and he advised that, since the City will not be obligating itself at all, and can lose nothing, the plan be given a trial. Mr. Fred Marsteller, who was in the assemblage, upon request of Mayor Sherfey, addressed the Council orally, stating that he is a representative of Pacific Waste Products Company, and furnished further details of the plan. He stated that his company has all the facilities for handling the waste material, and for baling and sorting it. He said the company would appreciate an early decision on the matter in order that proper plans may be made to handle the waste paper.

Engineer Jain pointed out that the material will, of necessity due to shortage of manpower, be delivered unsorted, and asked Mr. Marsteller whether or not this will be acceptable to his company, Mr. Marsteller replying that they will accept it in whatever condition it is delivered to them, as they have full facilities for sorting it.

Councilman Gilbert moved that, upon recommendation of Engineer Jain, the City give the plan of delivering waste material collected by City Trucks, consisting primarily of paper and cardboard boxes, to Pacific Waste Products Company's warehouse, instead of to the City Dump, a three months trial, with the understanding that the company will accept the material in the condition in which it is collected and delivered by the trucks with no attempt on the part of the City or City employees to segregate same. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the State of California, Governor's Office, signed by Beach Vasey, Legislative Secretary, acknowledging receipt of a letter from the City of Torrance, dated June 5, 1946, advising of action taken by the City Council May 28, 1946 relative to infantry troops of the California National Guard being stationed in the City of Torrance.

A communication was read from State, County and Municipal Workers of America, Local 360, in the form of a resolution, calling attention to the fact that the name of the local has been changed to, "Local 360, United Public Workers of America, C.I.O.", as a result of action taken at a joint convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey April 24, 1946 to merge the State County and Municipal Workers of America, C.I.O. and the United Federal Workers of America, C.I.O. Matter of record.

A copy of a resolution adopted by the Torrance Lions Club June 14, 1946 was read, being in connection with the proposed acquisition by the City of Torrance of the Lomita Flight Strip to be utilized as a municipal airport. It was advised that, although the various Governmental agencies having jurisdiction in this matter have repeatedly assured the City Council that favorable action will be taken in the matter, thus far the concerted efforts of various groups and the City have failed to bring about the desired results. Therefore, an appeal was embodied in the resolution that all governmental agencies and individuals involved take immediate action in the premises.

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board, referring to Civil Service status of Mr. John G. Cox, an employee of the Bus Department. It was stated that the action taken by the Council April 23, 1946 authorizing a change of classification for this employee from Bus Attendant to Mechanic, Grade B had been out of order, and an outline was given of the method used by the County of Los Angeles in matters of transfers to higher positions. It was stated that the County follows the procedure, in cases where an employee who is serving as a probationer, having passed an examination for one class of position, and a vacancy occurs in a higher position, if no suitable eligible list exists, or if there are no County employees with promotional rights available, then the department head may appoint the individual in question to the higher position pending results of an open competitive examination, and a technical leave from the employee's lower position is granted. It was stated further that the County letter received in connection with this matter had advised that transfers and classifications are controlled without doubt by the Civil Service Board of Torrance, and that the department head undoubtedly does not have authority to transfer an individual from a position to a higher one without approval of the Civil Service Board; that the only way the employee in question can be given eligible status is through an examination and not by transfer or reclassification of the position.

It was advised by Mr. Bradford, writer of the letter from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board, that the Board had recommended at a meeting held June 5, 1946 that Mr. Cox be placed back in his former position of Bus Attendant until the transfer is made in accordance with the procedure outlined by the County Civil Service Commission.

Mayor Sherfey stated that he believed this matter had been adjusted satisfactorily, which Mr. C. Z. Ward, Manager of the Bus Department, confirmed.

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board, advising that Mr. John G. Cox, an employee of the Bus Department, has requested a leave of absence of two weeks, without pay, in addition to his regular vacation of two weeks, commencing on June 30, 1946 and ending July 27, 1946 to enable him to make a trip East. It was advised that the request has the approval of the Civil Service Board.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City Council concur in the approval of the Civil Service Board and grant the leave as requested. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1780

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,
DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST
AND NECESSITY DEMAND THE ACQUISITION
AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL
IMPROVEMENTS, AND MAKING FINDINGS
RELATING THERETO.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1780 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Clerk Bartlett stated that it had been agreed at the last meeting to set a date, at this meeting, for hearing as requested by Mr. J. F. Gorman, whose Petition for Variance to permit operation of a trailer camp on the south side of Pacific Coast Highway between Ocean and Neece Avenue, was denied by the Planning Commission June 5, 1946.

Upon Engineer Jain's advise that notice of the hearing must be published at least ten days prior to date of the hearing, it was agreed to hold the hearing July 9, 1946 at 7:00 P.M., to precede the Regular Council Meeting, and Clerk Bartlett was instructed to so notify Mr. Gorman.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$1500.00 be made for janitor supplies for the Civic Buildings for the fiscal year 1946-47. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman Tolson reported that, in connection with the air show scheduled as one of the attractions of the forthcoming Fourth-of-July five day celebration, parking space for automobiles is being made available at the Flight Strip. However, he said, the ground proposed to be used for this purpose has been plowed and must be rolled before it can be used as a parking lot.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Street Superintendent be authorized to send the road roller to the Lomita Flight Strip to prepare the ground for a parking lot by rolling it. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman Gilbert moved that, in accordance with a recommendation of Dale Riley, Superintendent of the Recreation Department, Billy C. Slonecker be employed, during school vacation, effective June 17, 1946, at a salary of \$205.00 per month, his time to be divided between maintenance work and playground supervision in the Walteria Park. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman Gilbert moved that, in accordance with a recommendation of Dale Riley, Superintendent of the Recreation Department, not to exceed \$500.00 be appropriated for the erection of a Soft Ball back stop at the Fern Street Park, which price includes material and labor; back stop to be made from chain link eleven gauge galvanized fencing with galvanized posts; to be erected by the Southern California Fence Company. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Engineer Jain advised that, in the past few years, it has been the practice of the City to employ high school boys during

the summer months to help with cleaning up of parkings and to do other miscellaneous summer work, for the Street and Park Departments. He stated that, in conformity with the accepted idea of returning to regular civil service procedure, he would like permission to take the names of these employees from, first, the eligible lists, if there be any, of the Civil Service Board, and, next, if there be no names on the list, to employ high school boys for this work, these extra workers to be in addition to the regular personnel, and to be appointed for temporary, summer work.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Engineer Jain be authorized to employ the extra summer workers needed in the manner outlined above by him, the number to be left to the discretion of Mr. Jain. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

At 8:25 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE