

Torrance, California
July 9, 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, July 9, 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, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Tolson moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held June 25, 1946, an Adjourned Regular Meeting held June 28, 1946, and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held July 1, 1946 be approved as written. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Margaret Fordice, City Treasurer, requesting a leave of absence, effective September 5, 1946, for a trip, and requesting that Mr. Charles A. Curtiss be appointed Deputy Treasurer in her absence, with authority to act.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request for leave of absence be granted, and that the recommendation that Mr. Charles A. Curtiss be appointed Deputy Treasurer, with authority to act, during her absence, be concurred in. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Manuel G. Alvarez, Manager, Torrance Bears Baseball Club, requesting the City to contact Columbia Steel Company relative to leasing a lot owned by that company for use as a baseball diamond by the Bears Baseball Club.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the communication be referred to Dale Riley, Superintendent of the Recreation Department. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the WALTERIA Civic Organization, stressing the need in WALTERIA of a recreation building, and toilet facilities at the new WALTERIA Park.

Councilman Gilbert advised that plans are completed for providing suitable rest room facilities at the park at the earliest possible date. It was also mentioned that the need of a recreation building has not been forgotten.

A communication was read from Charles T. Rippey, Torrance representative of the Metropolitan Water District, relative to the Gila-Wellton-Mohawk Project in Arizona, suggesting that the Council forward telegrams, similar to a sample telegram enclosed, to each Congressman of California, protesting adoption of a bill now pending, being H. R. 5434, which bill proposes to authorize the State of Arizona to use 1,340,000 acre feet of main stream water of the Colorado River, protest based on the grounds that this would hazard the rights of the Metropolitan Water District under its contract of 1931 giving it senior water rights in the Colorado River.

Councilman Tolson moved that the matter be referred to the Council for study and report at the meeting one week hence. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Union Oil Company of California, advising that no permits to place pipe lines or conduits were issued and no pipe lines or conduits were constructed in the City of Torrance

by Union Oil Company during the six months' period ending June 30, 1946 under terms of Los Angeles County Franchise Ordinance No. 1501 (N.S.) Matter of record.

A communication was read from Union Oil Company of California, advising that no permits to place pipe lines or conduits were issued and that no such pipe lines or conduits were constructed in the City of Torrance by Union Oil Company during the six months' period ending June 30, 1946 under terms of Los Angeles County Franchise Ordinance No. 1010 (N.S.) Matter of record.

A communication was read from Associated Division, Tide Water Associated Oil Company, advising that no permits were issued and no pipe lines were laid or removed for the period January 1, 1946 to June 30, 1946 under terms of Los Angeles County Franchise Ordinance No. 1014. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Associated Division, Tide Water Associated Oil Company, advising that no permits were issued and no pipe lines were laid or removed for the period January 1, 1946 to June 30, 1946 under terms of Los Angeles County Franchise Ordinance No. 1351. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Richfield Oil Corporation, advising that under City of Torrance Franchise Ordinance No. 92, 1700 feet of 6-inch oil pipe was abandoned in place and 5077 feet of 6-inch oil pipe and 18 feet of 4-inch oil pipe was removed from Crenshaw Boulevard between limits of 20-feet south of center line of Sepulveda Boulevard and south line of Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad right of way, effective date of removal of pipe being May 1, 1946.

It was further advised that, under Los Angeles County Ordinance No. 1358-1361 (N.S.), no pipe lines were laid, removed or abandoned in place.

The report, for both ordinances, covered the period January 1 to June 30, 1946. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Mrs. Clara D. Farrer and Mr. Floyd R. Farrer, 316 North Francisca, Redondo Beach, requesting permission to move a quonset hut onto one of their lots in Walteria, their lots being Nos. 28 and 29, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 27 on Los Codona Street, Walteria, for occupancy by them while they build a house on one of the other lots as materials become available.

A short discussion ensued relative to proper method of handling this matter, after which Councilman Gilbert, stating that the City Council had, during the housing emergency, granted several requests for permission to occupy temporary quarters, moved that the applicants be allowed to move the hut onto one of their lots as requested for occupancy for a period of six months during building of a house on an adjoining lot. No second was received.

Councilman Tolson said he would not favor summarily granting the request without referring it to either the Planning Commission or the City Engineer for the necessary inspection and recommendation.

After a further period of discussion, Councilman Gilbert rescinded his motion and, in accordance with an idea advanced during the discussion, moved that the City Clerk be authorized to communicate with Mr. and Mrs. Farrer and request them to meet with the Council with additional information relative to their plan to construct a new house. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. George Powell of Hawthorne Boulevard, Walteria, addressed the Council orally relative to the subject, stating that, although he appreciates the Council's reasons for proceeding cautiously in matters of this kind, an incident has occurred of recent date in Walteria which has caused some comment, being the matter of a moved-in street car for use as a dwelling next door to one of Walteria's better homes.

Mr. Patrick, Assistant City Engineer, advised that the Engineer's Office had issued a permit to allow moving in of the street car, since street cars comply with the building code so far as construction is concerned. However, he said, there had been an oversight in allowing it to be moved in next door to one of the finer type of homes. He advised further that quonset huts also comply with the Building Code from the standpoint of construction.

Mayor Sherfey expressed the thought that, if quonset huts comply in every way with existing laws and the Uniform Building Code, the City may not have the authority to refuse to allow them to be moved in.

After further discussion, Councilman Gilbert and Councilman Tolson withdrew their respective motion and second to invite the applicants to meet with the Council, and moved instead that the request of Mr. and Mrs. Farrer for permission to move a quonset hut onto one of their lots in Walteria while a new house is being constructed on one of the adjoining lots be granted, subject to the approval of, and subject to the issuance of a permit by, the City Engineer's Office. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Ten petitions, bearing a total of 131 signatures, were presented and read, urging the Council to take the necessary action to construct and install curbs, gutters, sidewalks, pavement and street lights on Date Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and Monterey Street, and to form the necessary Improvement District to bear the cost of the construction.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request be referred to the City Engineer and City Attorney for recommendation. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett re-read a letter on the same subject, which was read at the May 28, 1946 meeting, at which time the matter was referred to the City Engineer for an estimate of a cost of making the improvements.

Councilman Gilbert stated that, at the time, it had been understood that there would be a number of additional petitions making this same type of suggestion for the area in the west portion of the City, the location referred to in the ten petitions above referred to being also in the west portion of the City.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City Attorney be instructed to provide the Council with information as to proper procedure for establishing an assessment district for the particular type of improvement as referred to above. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Lucille Lee, Secretary, Library Board, requesting that the library building be put in such condition that the watering of the lawn will not damage papers and books as it has recently done.

Councilman Tolson confirmed the fact that books and papers in the lecture room were recently damaged, apparently due to seepage of water into the building around the windows.

Councilman Tolson moved that the matter be referred to the City Engineer for investigation and remedy as soon as possible. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, submitting Invoice No. 2031 in the amount of \$2615.00, being the amount appropriated by the Council at the meeting of May 28, 1946 to pay the City of Los Angeles for expenses in acquiring rights of way in connection with proposed improvement of Western Avenue (that portion lying within the City of Torrance.). It was requested that the City forward a check in the amount above-mentioned.

A communication was read from Robert W. Nuckles, 2115 Arlington Avenue, requesting refund on Business License No. 663, issued May 8, 1946 in the amount of \$12.00.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the unused portion of Business License No. 663 be refunded to Mr. Nuckles as requested. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from F. M. Krekow, requesting removal of pepper trees from the front of his property at 1218 Arlington Avenue.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request be referred to Fred Blake, Superintendent, Park Department. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

An application for Taxicab Owner's Permit, name of applicant being Charles T. Berry, 2363 Torrance Boulevard, was presented, which application had been approved by the acting Chief of Police, Frank J. Schumacher.

Councilman Tolson moved that the action of the Acting Chief of Police be concurred in by the Council and the permit be allowed. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Stuart A. Ripley, 2762 East 218th Place, Long Beach, advising of his plans to improve Tract 8202 with 54 single family homes for Veterans, and requesting the City to build and finance the new streets as follows: Adolph Avenue, Newton Street and Bluff Street; and to resurface 242nd Street and Ocean Avenue.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request be referred to the City Engineer for study and recommendation. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from John Patrick, for Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Planning Commission, advising that the Final Map of Tract No. 13822, to be known as "Pine Knolls", was approved at a meeting held July 2, 1946 as submitted with the following conditions:

- (1) That the necessary bond be posted with the City to cover the cost of all improvements to be constructed by the subdivider.
- (2) That the Map be approved by the Office of the County Surveyor.

It was the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the City Council approve the Final Map, Tract No. 13822, based upon the same conditions.

A communication was read from John Patrick, for Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Planning Commission, advising that the Final Map of Tract No. 13901, to be known as "Seaside Ranchos", was approved by the Planning Commission July 2, 1946 as submitted, with the following conditions:

- (1) That all plans and profiles for street improvements are to be in accordance with the specifications and requirements of the City Engineer.
- (2) That a guarantee of construction of all improvements is to be submitted at time of recording of Final Map by the lending agency responsible for all improvements in the subdivision.
- (3) That the Final Map is to be approved by the Office of the County Surveyor.

It was the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the City Council approve the Final Map, Tract 13901, based upon the same conditions.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Final Map, Tract No. 13822, be approved as submitted, based upon the conditions set forth in the Planning Commission letter, and set forth above. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Final Map, Tract No. 13901, be approved as submitted, based upon the conditions set forth in the Planning Commission letter, and set forth above. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Planning Commission, advising that the Planning Commission, at a meeting held July 2, 1946, considered the Petition for Variance of Setsuo Masaki (Case No. 50) to permit the conversion of the existing school building at 2000 Market Street, located on the East 170 feet of the North 330 feet of Lot 63, McDonald Tract, to a five unit apartment building, and to place eight house trailers, without wheels, upon the same property, for the use of Japanese evacuees.

It was advised that, by a unanimous vote, the Commission approved the conversion of the school building into five apartments,

subject to all building restrictions and the State Housing Law; and denied the request for placing of any trailers upon the property.

It was stated further, however, that the Commission had agreed to recommend to the City Council that they grant a special permit for not to exceed six months from the date of the meeting (July 2, 1946), for the present tenants to occupy the present trailers, after which time the trailers shall be removed and the property cleared.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Council concur in the action, and accept the recommendations of, the Planning Commission as above set forth.

At this point, Mr. Brattrud, 2041 Gardena Boulevard, North Torrance, addressed the Council, vigorously protesting any action to allow the school building to be converted into an apartment house, stating that the property values will all depreciate considerably if this condition is allowed to exist. He also objected to the Council granting six months' period, or any period, of time for occupancy of the trailers by Japanese persons, claiming that, although it is generally understood that it will be some time before the entire situation can be cleared and the Japanese persons removed from the property altogether, the property owners would rather that they occupy the building and the trailers illegally, rather than remain there with the sanction of the governing bodies of the City.

Mayor Sherfey advised that he had contacted the War Relocation Authority at the time the Japanese evacuees had been moved from the Lomita Flight Strip to the location in North Torrance, but that no satisfactory solution had been worked out. He invited Mr. Brattrud to offer suggestions as to how he thought the people could be removed in less than six months. He emphasized the fact that, since the Japanese persons had been placed there by order of the Government (The War Relocation Authority, a Governmental Agency), there is a question as to how much jurisdiction the City Council might have in attempting to have them removed. In any case, he said, it would be out of order to simply order them out when they have no other place to go. Mayor Sherfey advised further that the War Relocation Authority had been dissolved May 15, 1946, and that the matter is now in the hands of the Housing Authority.

Mr. Brattrud said he wished it recorded officially that he vigorously protests in particular the granting of a zoning variance to allow the building to be converted in to a five unit apartment building, and added that at least 95% of the property owners in the area feel the same way about the matter.

Attorney Willett entered the discussion at this point, advising that, although all property owners within a radius of 300 feet from the property had been notified by mail of the hearing on the request for zoning variance, only one person had appeared at the hearing and he had stated that he had no objection to it.

Mr. Perkins, 906 West 163rd Street, identified himself as the person who had attended the hearing, and advised that he had misunderstood the matter, as he had thought that the zoning variance would be to allow occupancy of trailers on the property, rather than conversion of the building into an apartment house.

Mr. Brattrud read a petition, bearing fourteen signatures, all protesting the proposed zoning variance, which petition was presented to the Council and read at a prior meeting.

After some further comment, Councilman Powell seconded Councilman Gilbert's motion to concur in the action, and accept the recommendations, of the Planning Commission relative to Petition for Variance of Setsuo Masaki (Case No. 50) as set forth in the letter from the Planning Commission and as set forth above, which motion was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Planning Commission, advising that the Commission on July 2, 1946 considered the Petition of Letitia Lindsay for a Variance to establish a trailer park at 23831 Hawthorne Avenue, in the northeast corner of Lot 16, Meadow Park Tract.

It was stated that, after hearing all evidence submitted, including five written communications protesting the petition, it was unanimously agreed to deny the Petition for Variance and to recommend that the City Council concur in this action.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission, advising that the Commission, on July 2, 1946, considered the Petition for Variance of Alfred K. Dobrick (Case No. 46) to raise and sell birds and pet supplies at 2275 Carson Street (Lot 14, Block 51, Torrance Tract).

It was stated that the Planning Commission had approved the Petition for Variance with the stipulation that an unlighted sign of not to exceed 2' x 3' in size be permitted on the front of the property and recommending concurrence of the Council in this action. Councilman Powell moved that the City Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission in connection with Case No. 46. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Planning Commission, advising that the Commission on July 2, 1946 considered the Petition of Tony Cosaro (Case No. 43) for a Zoning Variance to construct and operate an automobile race track for hopped-up cars on Lot 20 of Meadow Park Tract, at the southwest corner of Hawthorne Avenue and 230th Street.

It was advised that, after hearing all the evidence submitted at the July 2, 1946 meeting, and a previous public hearing, the Commission denied the petition for variance. It was requested that the City Council concur in this action.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission in connection with Case No. 43. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Planning Commission, advising that the Commission on July 2, 1946, considered the Petition for Change of Zone of Edgar S. and Mary E. Frenger (Case No. 42) of both the northeast corner and the southeast corner of Hawthorne Avenue and Emerald Street from A-1 to C-1. It was stated that the July 2, 1946 meeting was the second public hearing before the Commission.

It was further stated that the Commission recommends that the proposed rezoning be granted by the Council, and that a date for a public hearing, preferably July 23, 1946, be set to hear all written and oral evidence submitted at that time.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and establish the date of Public Hearing on Case No. 42 for July 23, 1946, 7:00 P.M. and that the Petitioner be so notified. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from John Patrick, for Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Planning Commission, advising that the Commission, on July 2, 1946, considered the Tentative Map of Tract No. 14232, to be known as "Torrance Manor", submitted by Mr. Homer Bale.

It was advised that the Tentative Map was approved by the Commission, and recommended that the Council concur in this action.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission in approving the Tentative Map of Tract No. 14232. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from John Patrick, for Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Planning Commission, advising that the Commission on July 2, 1946, considered Petition for Change of Zone of the Dominguez Estate Company (Case No. 44) to rezone the 236 acre tract of land at the southwest corner of Western Avenue and 190th Street from A-1 to M-2 use.

It was stated that the Commission has held the necessary two Public Hearings, and recommends approval of this rezoning. It was further advised that it will be necessary for the Council to set a date for a Public Hearing, and requested that the hearing be set for July 23, 1946. It was requested that, if the Petition is approved

by the City Council, the Petitioner be given this assurance immediately after the hearing, so that the sale of the property may be completed by August 1, 1946. The rezoning, if approved, will require that an ordinance be prepared and passed, it was stated.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and establish the date of Public Hearing on Case No. 44 for July 23, 1946, and that the Petitioner be so notified. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from California Water Service Company, acknowledging a letter from Mr. A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk, regarding the Water Company's application to the City Council of Torrance for permission to extend water mains into a new subdivision to be known as Seaside Ranchos, Tract No. 13901, situated immediately north of State Highway 101 and being in the City of Torrance.

In reply to statements made by Mr. Bartlett in his letter, to the effect that the City Attorney and the City Engineer, when the plan was originally submitted to the Council, had been of the opinion that any permit issued should contain an agreement that the Water Company would, at its own expense, move the mains in the event the City ever realigns, or changes the grades of the streets in question, a suggested clause was submitted for inclusion in the permit to allow the company to furnish the water.

Councilman Tolson moved that the application made by the California Water Service Company for a permit to extend water mains into a new subdivision known as Seaside Ranchos, Tract No. 13901 be granted, and that the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the permit with inclusion of a clause whereby the water company will agree to bear the entire cost of moving the water mains in the event of realignment or change of grade of the streets involved. Mayor Sherfey seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 370

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING, CALLING, PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE ON THE 20TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1946, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY SEVEN PROPOSITIONS TO INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS BY SAID CITY FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Clerk Bartlett advised that it is in order for the Council to either (1) dispense with further reading of the ordinance, or (2) order reading of same in full.

At the request of Mr. Blackwood, who was in the assemblage, Clerk Bartlett read excerpts from the ordinance, covering the seven propositions in the form in which they will appear on the ballot.

Mr. R. I. Plomert, speaking on behalf of the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, and taxpayers generally, protested passage of Ordinance No. 370 at this time, contending that the citizens and interested committees had not been afforded an opportunity to voice opinions in connection with the proposed bond issue.

His contention that the entire matter had not been given sufficient publicity to acquaint the people with the proposal was challenged by various Council members, who pointed out that the entire proposal has been publicized through the Torrance Herald. Mr. Plomert gave, orally, what he termed a "presentation" of the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, which committee, he advised has been assisted in studies of the proposed bond issue by the California Tax Payers Association, in which verbal presentation Mr. Plomert offered certain specific recommendations, based on findings of the committee, for

reductions in the proposed bonded indebtedness on certain improvements and for exclusion of one item, to-wit: a central recreation building estimated to cost \$269,375.00. He stated that the committees who have devoted much diligent time and effort to studying this proposal have concluded that the City Council has not given due consideration to the fact that funds are available from State and County funds for municipal improvements. Also, he said, it had been felt, as an outcome of the studies, that at least one or two of the proposed improvements should be made through special assessment districts rather than through a bond issue for the entire City, referring particularly to a water main for the Hollywood Riviera section.

Clerk Bartlett advised that, in accordance with information furnished by Mr. J. L. Beebe of the law firm of O'Melveny and Myers, in order to have the propositions placed on the ballot at the special election of August 20, 1946, the Ordinance must be passed for first reading at this time.

After further discussion, it appearing that the Council wished to pass the ordinance, Clerk Bartlett re-read the title to Ordinance No. 370.

Councilman Gilbert moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 370 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 370 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Tolson. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Prior to casting his vote, Councilman Tolson stated that he would qualify his vote by stating that, although he is not opposed to submitting the seven propositions to the electorate, he does feel that a public meeting should be held for further discussion.

Councilman Powell moved that a salary increase of \$10.00 per month be authorized for Larry Benton, Patrolman, Police Department, effective July 1, 1946. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell, after reading a quotation of price of paint submitted by Torrance Hardware Company, moved that \$840.00, plus tax, be made for purchase of 400 gallons traffic paint. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell commented that, at a meeting prior to the time the new Councilmen (Mayor Sherfey and Councilman Jackson) were in office, a motion was made to authorize the City Attorney to employ special counsel to be associated with the City Attorney in the prosecution of an appeal in connection with a law suit in which a proposed sale of Torrance Municipal Bus Lines was the issue, and that, at that time, no stipulation was made as to amount of funds to be allowed for this purpose.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Attorney be instructed to furnish the City Council with information as to amount of funds which, in his opinion, will cover fees for the special counsel referred to above in appealing a law case tried in Superior Court in which action a decision was rendered in which the City was enjoined from selling the Bus Lines on the basis that to do so would be contrary to State Law governing sale of public utilities, Mr. McCall's estimate of necessary funds to be made at the next meeting of the City Council, July 16, 1946. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$500.00 be made for purchase of road materials for surfacing Gramercy Avenue between Santa Fe Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$150.00 be made for surfacing that portion of Date Avenue north of Sonoma Street. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$150.00 be made for plant-mix to be used for repair of garage approaches in Blocks 61, 62, 90, 91 and 92, Torrance Tract. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson moved that the following men be employed as Bus Operators, on a temporary basis, at a salary of \$220.00 per month each, effective dates being as indicated opposite each name, these men being replacements:

Wylton P. Zigler-----June 26, 1946. Arthur G. Schultz--June 28, '46
John F. Jelsma, Jr.-----July 1, 1946. Joel S. Whitman----July 2, '46

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

Councilman Tolson moved that Lloyd E. Waltemeyer be employed as a bus attendant, on a temporary basis, at a salary of \$225.00 per month, effective July 2, 1946. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$200.00 be made for young trees for the Nursery, Park Department. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Council request the Civil Service Board to set up qualifications and examinations for personnel to conduct the City License Bureau, it having been determined that the matter of collecting business licenses and keeping the proper records thereof will become a full time position in the near future. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$728.50 be made for materials for stock for the Water Department, consisting of leads, stops and caulking lead, in accordance with a list on file with the City Clerk. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$613.05 be made for materials for stock for the Water Department, consisting of pipe, sleeves, ells, reducers, tees, etc., in accordance with a list on file with the City Clerk. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$505.60 be made for valves for stock for the Water Department, in accordance with a list on file with the City Clerk. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for purchase of 4000 feet of 6" cast iron pipe for the Water Department, as per specifications on file in the City Clerk's Office. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$195.00 be made for blanket renewal of bonds of certain City employees. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Patrick, Assistant City Engineer, reported that Mr. Jain, City Engineer, has arrived at an estimate of \$30,000.00 as the approximate cost of opening Arlington Avenue from 190th Street south approximately one mile, Mr. Jain having been instructed at the June 25, 1946 meeting to furnish said estimate.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this report be referred to the City Council for study. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. R. I. Plomert read a communication from Torrance Industries Tax Committee, stating that the Committee has been reviewing the fiscal affairs of the City of Torrance in relation to local tax levies, and expressing a desire to continue to have good local government at the minimum of cost to all taxpayers of the City.

It was stated that the California Taxpayers Association recently made a study of the proposed bond issues which will be voted upon by the people at a special election to be held August 20, 1946, copies of which factual analysis have been transmitted to the City Council. The opinion was expressed that this highly informative data warrants a thorough review of these matters with the Council.

A request was made that the Committee be given the opportunity of going over the budget estimates for the fiscal year 1946-47 prior to adoption of same by the Council. It was recommended that the tax rate be set only after the new assessed valuations are available.

It was urged that an early meeting date be set for a meeting between the City Council and the Torrance Industries Tax Committee for discussion of the tax problems of mutual interest.

Mr. Plomert also requested that the Committee be afforded an opportunity of studying the proposed new business license ordinance prior to its adoption by the City Council.

Mr. Blackwood asked about present status of the proposed water district for North Torrance. Clerk Bartlett advised that the valuations are still being determined by a creditable law firm and that the City has no alternative except to wait until the law firm is successful in obtaining same. He said that it is intended to call the election as soon as possible after obtaining the necessary valuations.

Mr. Plomert again asked that a date be set for a meeting between the Torrance Industries Tax Committee and the City Council. Councilman Powell said he favored seeing public hearings held on all matters affecting the general public in order to keep all those persons concerned informed at all times regarding contemplated changes in laws and regulations.

After a short discussion, it was agreed to set a date for a meeting on the proposed 1946-47 budget and on the proposed business license ordinance.

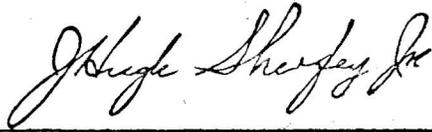
Councilman Gilbert moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:55 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Tolson, the meeting adjourned to July 16, 1946 at 7:45 P.M.



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APPROVED:



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE