

Torrance, California
August 6, 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, August 6, 1946 at 7:50 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.

Mayor Sherfey announced that a meeting of the Planning Com-
mission is in session in the Court Room and that anyone desiring
to attend the meeting should retire to the Court Room.

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

At 8:00 P.M., Mayor Sherfey announced that time had arrived
for opening bids for (1) Maintainer for Municipal Improvement
District No. 1 (Water Company). Clerk Bartlett proceeded to open
and read the one bid received as follows:

BIDDER

BID

Lee & Thatro Equipment Company
820 Santa Fe Avenue
Los Angeles, California

\$2723.33

Price subject to adjustment to the price in effect at time of
shipment, prices not to exceed those lawfully established and
then in effect.

A Bid Bond accompanied the bid.

Councilman Tolson moved that the bid be referred to the City
Engineer and City Attorney for checking and recommendation to the
Council at the next meeting. Councilman Powell seconded the motion,
which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from General Petroleum Corpor-
ation of California, being a statement of pipe laid under Fran-
chise Ordinance No. 781, N.S. of County of Los Angeles. It was
stated that, for the period during the six months' period ending
June 30, 1946, no pipe line was laid. Matter of record.

A communication was read from The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California, advising that under the provisions of
Section 8d of the Metropolitan Water District Act, the City of
Torrance, on or before the 25th day of August, 1946, may elect to
pay out of municipal funds all or any portion of the amount of the
Metropolitan Water District tax which would otherwise be levied
upon property within the City of Torrance for the fiscal year
1946-47.

Councilman Powell moved that the City of Torrance elect not to
pay the tax from Municipal Funds and that the Metropolitan Water
District be so notified. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion,
which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Frank Mallo, Walteria, sug-
gesting that the bus schedule be rearranged to permit passengers
to arrive at work by 7:00 A.M.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the communication be referred to the Manager of the Bus Lines for recommendation. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mrs. G. A. Rose, 20718 South New Hampshire, Torrance, requesting permission to operate a popcorn and soft drink trailer near the City Park on Sundays and other occasions.

Councilman Powell moved that, inasmuch as the American Legion has the concession at the park, the request be denied. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. Mayor Sherfey suggested that the motion include "and that Mrs. Rose be notified that the Council is revising the business license ordinance", which Councilman Powell agreed to and which motion was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Reverend C. J. Wood, Pastor, St. Joseph's Church, Pueblo, thanking the Council for paving work done recently on the Playground at Pueblo, and requesting the Council to consider re-paving 203rd Street before the rainy season begins. It was stated that the old surface has been patched and re-patched and is now beyond repair, with mud lining the sides and with the whole surface broken and in a very deplorable, unsightly and unsafe condition.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request be referred to the City Engineer for report at the next meeting or at his earliest convenience. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from United Steelworkers of America, Local Union 1414, C.I.O., protesting restricted parking on streets in the vicinity of Columbia Steel Company.

Chief Stroh reported orally that he had checked this matter to some extent, and that it is hoped a solution to the parking problem can be worked out which will create no hardship for either the employees of Columbia Steel Company or the residents of the area who have complained of no parking space in front of their residences. He suggested that he be allowed to contact Columbia Steel Company again and that a meeting be arranged later with the Council and the Police Commission if necessary. This met with the approval of the Council.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the communication from Local Union 1414 be referred to Chief Stroh for recommendation and action. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Aviation Commission, signed by Reed H. Parkin, Chairman, relative to a recent request submitted to the Council, and subsequently referred to the Aviation Commission, by a firm named Cleveland and Wade for permission to conduct a certain business at the Torrance Community Airport.

It was the recommendation of the Commission that the firm of Cleveland and Wade be permitted to do business within the City of Torrance covering their operations as a flight school, flight charter service and airplane and airplane parts sales, said business to be conducted at the Torrance Community Airport.

Councilman Powell asked whether or not this complies with the Land Use Ordinance No. 316. Mr. Plomert reported orally that Mr. Otto B. Willett, Deputy City Attorney, had been called upon relative to the zoning question, and that he had advised that, in his opinion, it would not be necessary to submit the matter to the Planning Commission.

Attorney McCall advised verbally that, also in his opinion, it is not necessary to submit the matter to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City Council concur in the recommendation of the Aviation Commission. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board, advising that leaves of absence, without pay, have been requested by the following City employees, and have been approved by the Civil Service Board upon the recommendation of their respective department heads:

1. Leslie Cox, Laborer, Street Department, for an extension of leave until October 1, 1946 because of serious burns sustained by his wife when their home in Hot Springs, Arkansas, was destroyed by fire.
 2. John Waugh, Park Maintenance Man, for a leave during the months of August, September and part of October, in order to harvest his peach crop at Beaumont.
 3. A. E. Treloar, Park Maintenance Man, for a leave of fifteen days, in addition to his regular vacation, beginning September 16, 1946, in order to make a trip.
 4. Leslie Slaughter, Bus Mechanic, for a leave of two weeks, beginning August 5, 1946, in order to make a trip.
- Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Council concur in the action of the Civil Service Board. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board, advising that the Board had approved the amending of Rule VII of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations supplementing Ordinance No. 326, by replacing the present Section 5 of said Rule and adopting a new Section 5 to Rule VII, reading as follows:

"Sec. 5. PERFORMANCE AND SENIORITY IN PROMOTION. In promotional examinations there will be added the subjects 'Performance' and 'Seniority' with weights not less than one-twentieth of the total weight of all subjects.

The marking to be entered for Performance shall be the last report on record in the Personnel Department in accordance with the following schedule:

Unsatisfactory	.0
Fairly Satisfactory	1.25
Satisfactory	2.50
Very Satisfactory	3.75
Outstanding	5.00

The marking to be entered for Seniority shall be not less than one-tenth of one per cent nor more than five per cent of the total credits specified for said examination and shall be determined from the record of the employee's service. For the completion of six months of service there shall be given a credit of one-tenth of one per cent of the total credits specified for the examination and a like amount shall be added for each additional calendar month of service thereafter, provided, however, that the total credit for seniority thus determined shall not exceed five per cent of the total credits specified for the examination."

It was recommended that the Council adopt the foregoing amendment.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Council concur in the recommendation of the Civil Service Board and adopt the foregoing amendment to Rule VII of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations supplementing Ordinance No. 326 as above set forth. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, referring to the matter of salvage materials being delivered to Pacific Waste Products Company's salvage yard. Mr. Jain advised that the Council had recently authorized the city trucks to deliver rubbish collected from the business district to the Pacific Waste Products Company's yard at the corner of 213th Street and Border Avenue, and that the Council had been given assurance that the company could handle the materials as rapidly as they came in.

Mr. Jain advised that it now has been found that all of these materials have been delivered to the industrial property of the Torrance Aluminum Products Company, between Torrance Boulevard and Engracia Avenue, which material has accumulated in huge quantities and all exposed to public view. It was further stated that the unimproved street, known as Santa Clara Street, along the westerly side of the Pacific Electric tracks to the Columbia Steel Company, has been fenced off for this purpose without the permission of the City.

Mr. Jain informed that, in accordance with a recent amendment to Land Use Ordinance to prohibit salvage and junk yards except by Variance and special permit, he had issued instructions to cease delivering any waste materials to the Company until the proper procedure has been followed, and suitable arrangements have been made to receive and handle the materials.

He further informed that Pacific Waste Products Company, that also own the Torrance Aluminum Products Company, have requested permission to construct a large building to house these waste materials, which request has been denied until such time as they have secured the necessary permission from the Planning Commission and the City Council to operate this salvage yard at the new location.

Concurrence of the Council in this action was requested.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Council concur in the action of the City Engineer, and that Pacific Waste Products Company be required to proceed through the regular Planning Commission channels as above set forth. No second was received.

A discussion ensued, during which it was pointed out that innumerable complaints have been made by people either living or working in the vicinity of the dumping grounds, and that it is felt that a meeting with the company in the near future is most urgent for discussion of the matter.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Council concur in the action of the City Engineer, and that Pacific Waste Products Company be required to proceed through the regular Planning Commission channels as above set forth; and further that a meeting be arranged for the earliest date possible between the City Council and Mr. Burns, owner of the Pacific Waste Products Company, for thorough discussion of the matter. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Dale Riley, Superintendent, Recreation Department, recommending that an appropriation of \$50.00 be made for purchase of a trophy for the winning club of the Fifth Annual Baseball Tournament which is now in progress in the City of Torrance, and which will terminate September 2 or 3, 1946.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of \$50.00 be made for purchase of the trophy as recommended. 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 Mr. C. Z. Ward, Manager, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, tendering his resignation from his position as of August 6, 1946.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the resignation of Mr. C. Z. Ward from his position as Manager of Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, effective August 6, 1946, be accepted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. C. Z. Ward, Manager, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, requesting that the cash in the Bus Department safe for which he is responsible be checked for any discrepancies and that he be given a statement of clearance not later than August 31, 1946.

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

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1791

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION
TO APPROVE CONTRACT PRO-
VIDING FOR PARTICIPATION
IN STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIRE-
MENT SYSTEM.

Clerk Bartlett reported that, as one of the necessary steps in this procedure, an election of city employees in this matter has been scheduled for August 21, 1946 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1791 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett requested that some action be taken relative to a recent request submitted by the Boys' Club for use of the Civic Auditorium and for use of a bus for transportation of members of the club to weekly swimming classes.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Civic Auditorium be made available for use by the Boys' Club on Thursday evenings, and that a bus be made available for transportation to and from the Long Beach Plunge for weekly swimming classes, in accordance with the request submitted by the Club, in accordance with recommendation of Mr. Dale Riley, Superintendent of the City Recreation Department. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of \$625.00 plus tax, be made for 500 feet 2½" double jacketed fire hose for the Fire Department. 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 moved that, upon recommendation of Chief Stroh, the City Attorney be instructed to prepare a resolution covering placing of stop signs at the corner of 182nd Street and Crenshaw Boulevard for traffic travelling North and South, and that said resolution be adopted at this time, being

RESOLUTION NO. 1792

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING
THE PLACING OF STOP SIGNS AT THE
CORNER OF 182nd STREET AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

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 moved that the City Clerk be directed to write a letter to the City Council of the City of Los Angeles, advising of the traffic hazard at 182nd Street and Western Avenue, and requesting that boulevard stop signs be installed for traffic travelling north and south. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$350.00 be made for resurfacing materials for the alleys in Blocks 10 and 11, Torrance Tract. 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 \$800.00 be made for resurfacing materials for alleys in Blocks 12, 27 and 28, Torrance Tract. 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 \$975.00 be made for resurfacing materials for the alley between Anapola Avenue and Cota Avenue, south of Torrance Boulevard. 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 Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$975.00 be made for resurfacing materials for the alley between Madrid Avenue and Amapola Avenue, south of Torrance Boulevard. 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 Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$850.00 be made for resurfacing materials for the alley between Engracia Avenue and Post Avenue. 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 Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$750.00 be made for resurfacing materials for the alley between Post Avenue and El Prado. 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 Jackson moved that Gail Cox be employed as a laborer, Street Department, at a salary of \$205.00 per month, on a temporary basis, effective July 24, 1946. 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 the Civil Service Board be instructed to call an examination for Building Inspector for the City of Torrance. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that the funds of Torrance Municipal Bus Lines be transferred from the Bank of America to the Torrance National Bank. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Civil Service Board be instructed to call an examination for Manager of Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$135.00 plus tax, be made for 5,000 10-ride commutation books, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. 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 City Clerk be authorized to prepare a Resolution of Condolence expressing the sympathy of the City Council to the family of Mr. John W. Hudson, who was in the employ of the City of Torrance for many years and who recently passed away. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Clerk be authorized to direct a communication to Mr. E. E. McCartey, General Manager, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, requesting that steps be taken toward eliminating some of the noise of trains during the morning hours between 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M., complaints having been received from residents south of Carson Street and west of Border Avenue, who contend that the bell signal used by the train should be sufficient and the whistle signal could be eliminated, rather than using both the bell and whistle as is being done at this time. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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Mayor Sherfey moved that Mr. W. H. Murphy be employed as temporary Transportation Engineer, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines with full authority to manage and operate the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, at a salary of \$500.00 per month, effective August 7, 1946, subject to the condition that, in the event a temporary Bus Manager is employed, during the employment of Mr. Murphy, the Manager's salary will be paid from the \$500.00 per month allotted for this purpose.

Councilman Powell objected, stating that, although he is in full accord with the idea of making a change in management of the Bus Lines, he does not favor placing a man in the position who was employed by the City for the specific purpose of making a survey of operations of Bus Lines, stating emphatically that the man was not hired to make an investigation in order to make a job for himself. In any case, he said, he would not favor paying a salary of \$500.00 per month for the temporary management of the line. He said he felt fully convinced that there are persons already in the employ of the Bus Lines who are fully capable of managing the line until such time as a Civil Service examination can be held and a qualified manager appointed.

Mayor Sherfey said he had been under the impression that the Bus Lines could not be without adequate management for any length of time, and since Mr. Ward's resignation is effective August 6, 1946, this is a step to provide proper management during the interim between Mr. Ward's resignation and the appointment in due course of a manager from the Civil Service eligible list after the examination is conducted.

Councilman Tolson said that he understands Mr. Murphy would not accept a permanent position, but that, rather than leave the Line with no Manager at all, it would seem better to place it in competent hands for the period above-mentioned.

Councilman Powell countered with the statement that the Council actually knows no more about the competency of Mr. Murphy in the matter of managing the Bus Lines than is known about some of the employees of the Bus Lines.

Mayor Sherfey stated that, at a meeting held a few days ago, this phase of the matter and the impression it would create had been discussed thoroughly, and expressed regret that Mr. Powell had been unable to attend the meeting. Councilman Powell stated that his attitude then would probably have been no different than it is now, whereupon Mayor Sherfey called for a second to his motion as above set forth.

Councilman Tolson seconded Mayor Sherfey's motion to employ Mr. Murphy on the terms set forth in the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$100.27 be made for advertising and promotion expense for the Chamber of Commerce. 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 \$3546.41 be made for payment of six months' library service, from January 1 to June 30, 1946, in accordance with an invoice submitted by the Los Angeles County Public Library, and in accordance with the contract. 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 \$70.11 be made for purchase of 2 Minute Books for City Council permanent record. 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 \$14,806.91 be transferred from the General Fund to the Advertising Fund, and that \$10,988.72 be transferred from the General Fund to the Motor Vehicle License Fund of the City of Torrance. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$100.00 be made for services of Mr. Logan Cotton in spreading the 203rd Street Sewer Assessment, work to consist of setting up a record of payments of principal and interest due over a period of ten years on 118 assessments, drawing up the proper form of bill, etc. 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.

Mayor Sherfey asked Attorney McCall whether or not he could have ready for the next meeting of the Council a report relative to a proposed ordinance establishing a Recreation Commission, about which Mr. Thatcher of Waleria inquired recently, the proposed ordinance having been presented some months ago. Attorney McCall replied in the affirmative.

Mayor Sherfey requested Mr. Saul to ask Mr. Jain, who was attending the Planning Commission meeting in the Court Room, whether or not he has any business to bring before the Council. Mr. Saul left the Council Chamber and, upon his return, advised that Mr. Jain had no reports to make.

Councilman Gilbert reported that a meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, August 8, 1946, 8:00 P.M. for discussion of the Waleria water matter, and requested Mr. Bartlett, City Clerk to notify all interested persons.

Mr. Charles Quandt, owner of Quandt Pumping Station in Waleria, who was present in the assemblage, was requested at this time to attend the meeting, which he agreed to do.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chief of Police Stroh again brought up the subject of method of operation of the Pacific Waste Products Company, which matter was discussed earlier in the meeting, and advised that there had been twenty-seven complaints received to the effect that unloading of waste is creating a nuisance and causing the property in the vicinity to become strewn with papers, bits of cotton, etc., thus creating a fire hazard.

Both Chief of Police Stroh, and Chief of the Fire Department, McMaster, were requested to attend the meeting which is to be held in the near future with Mr. Burns, owner of the Pacific Waste Products Company, and the Council for the purpose of going over this matter thoroughly.

At 9:00 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Tolson, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Bartlett

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

John H. Sherfey Jr.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE