

Torrance, California  
January 21, 1947

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, January 21, 1947 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: Coun-  
cilmen: Gilbert.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Tolson moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting  
held Tuesday, January 14, 1947 be approved as written. Councilman  
Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Mr. Frank Jarratt, 1636 Arlington  
Avenue, requesting the removal of a large pepper tree which is caus-  
ing damage to the roof of this property.

Councilman Powell moved that this communication be referred to  
the Park Department Superintendent, Fred Blake, for recommendation.  
Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. J. C. Capt, Director of the  
Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, Washington, with refer-  
ence to Mayor Sherfey's recent request for a special census of the  
City of Torrance. He stated that allocations of certain State funds  
are made under the provision of Chapter 581 of the Statutes of the  
State of California as adopted in 1943. This chapter was amended  
and extended by Act Number 118 of the 1945 Session. Section 5 of  
this Act states in part "....that no further determinations of popula-  
tion shall be made hereunder after the termination of hostilities in  
the present war, as declared by resolution of Congress or by Proclama-  
tion of the President." He suggested, however, that the appropriate  
State officials be contacted for further information, and that the  
City's decision whether or not to continue with the procedure in con-  
nection with obtaining the Census be made known to him.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this matter be referred to City Engineer,  
Glenn M. Jain, that he be authorized to communicate with State offi-  
cials for further information, and that such information be reported  
either to the Mayor or to the Council as a whole. Councilman Powell  
seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. W. H. Cumberland, Assistant  
Secretary of International Derrick and Equipment Company, urging  
the Council's consideration of an amendment to the City Sales Tax  
Ordinance to provide for the exemption of the tax on industrial  
products which are purchased by customers for use outside the City.  
He stated that their principal product, oil rigs, are usually mounted  
on the customers' trucks and trailers and delivered by the customer  
himself.

Councilman Powell moved that this communication be referred to  
the entire City Council and to the City Attorney to check on the com-  
plaint and report back to the Council at a subsequent meeting. Coun-  
cilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. W. E. Kalbfleisch, Attorney-  
at-law, 1308 Sartori Avenue, making application for the office of  
City Attorney; such office to be vacated February 1, 1947 by the  
resignation of Mr. John E. McCall, present City Attorney.

Councilman Powell moved that this application be placed on  
file for future reference. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion  
which was carried unanimously.

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Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full the following Resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That the TORRANCE NATIONAL BANK, as designated depository of this corporation be and it (including its correspondent banks) is hereby requested, authorized and directed to honor all checks, drafts or other orders for payment of money drawn in this corporation's name on its various accounts (including those drawn to the individual order of any person or persons whose names appear thereon as signor or signors thereof) when bearing or purporting to bear the facsimile signature (s) of all of the following:

A. H. BARTLETT, City Clerk

J. HUGH SHERFEY, Jr., Mayor

MARGARET FORDICE, Treasurer

and the TORRANCE NATIONAL BANK (including its correspondent banks) shall be entitled to honor and to charge this corporation for all such checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, regardless of by whom or by what means the actual or purported facsimile signature or signatures thereon may have been affixed thereto, if such facsimile signature or signatures resemble the facsimile specimen from time to time filed with the TORRANCE NATIONAL BANK by the Clerk or other officer of this corporation; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That all previous authorizations for the signing and honoring of checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn on the said TORRANCE NATIONAL BANK by this corporation are hereby continued in full force and effect as amplified hereby.

Councilman Tolson moved that this Resolution be adopted. 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 in full the following Resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That the BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, as a designated depository of this corporation be and it (including its correspondent banks) is hereby requested, authorized and directed to honor all checks, drafts or other orders for payment of money drawn in this corporation's name on its various accounts (including those drawn to the individual order of any person or persons whose names appear thereon as signor or signors thereof) when bearing or purporting to bear the facsimile signature (s) of all of the following:

A. H. BARTLETT, City Clerk

J. HUGH SHERFEY, Jr., Mayor

MARGARET FORDICE, Treasurer

and the BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION (including its correspondent banks) shall be entitled to honor and to charge this corporation for all such checks, drafts or other orders for payment of money, regardless of by whom or by what means the actual or purported facsimile signature or signatures thereon may have been affixed thereto, if such facsimile signature or signatures resemble the facsimile specimen from time to time filed with the BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION by the Clerk or other officer of this corporation; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That all previous authorizations for the signing and honoring of checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn on the said BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION by this corporation are hereby continued in full force and effect as amplified hereby.

Councilman Tolson moved that this Resolution be adopted. 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 Powell moved that the Council authorize the temporary appointment of Otto B. Willett to the office of City Attorney, effective as of February 1, 1947, pending a Civil Service Examination and at the prevailing salary rate. 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 Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$142.30 be made for payment to the American Bitumuls Company for the purchase of 1594 gallons of bitumuls for use by the Street Department. 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 Council authorize the City Clerk to publish notice of election to be held on March 18, 1947 for the purpose of electing the Board of Education. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$100.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of 800 feet of 1 inch pipe and fittings for use in the sprinkling system at Fern Avenue 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 Jackson moved that the matter of employing Earle Hillier, 16, to help in the Recreation Center, effective January 8, 1947, at a salary of 60¢ per hour, not to exceed fourteen hours a week at the present time; and with permission to increase working hours during vacation periods, be referred to the Civil Service Board for recommendation. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Dale Riley, Recreation Department Superintendent, requested permission to meet with the City Council for discussion upon adjournment of the meeting. Mayor Sherfey granted the request.

Councilman Tolson moved that all bills properly audited be paid. 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.

At 8:10 p.m., upon motion by Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Jackson, the meeting adjourned.

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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