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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, February 11, 1947 at 8:05 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 Jackson moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held January 28, 1947 and the minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held February 4, 1947 be approved as written. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the 20-30 Club of Torrance, stating that none of the \$500.00 which the City contributed to their club for the Tournament of Roses fund, was used. They requested a short audience in which to return the check.

Mayor Sherfey announced that the presentation would take place at this time.

Mr. Van Barnard made the presentation of the \$500.00 check to Clerk Bartlett, stating that the contribution was very much appreciated, as well as the strong support of the citizens of Torrance who helped in putting this project over.

A communication was read from Mr. Irving L. Wieder, Chairman of the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce, requesting that the Council approve the use of the City property at El Prado and Cravens Avenue for parking purposes.

During the ensuing discussion, several other lots were mentioned which, if properly improved, would make ideal parking lots.

Mayor Sherfey moved that City Engineer Glenn M. Jain be authorized to compute an estimate of the cost for oil treatment and improvement, and to itemize by lot or section, for recommendation to the Council at the next meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. C. P. Olson, Manager of the Construction Materials Company, 1826 W. 213th Street, requesting that the City remedy the situation whereby the alley west of the above building has filled up above the foundation of their warehouse. He stated that digging out about 18 inches the width of the alley would permit the water to run south to the alley parallel to the tracks.

Councilman Jackson moved that this communication be referred to the City Engineer for recommendation to the Council. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Luke C. Nickol, Secretary of the United Steelworkers of America, Local Union 1414, requesting that a police patrol car be stationed along Crenshaw Boulevard, between 203rd Street and Torrance Boulevard to prevent further molesting of schoolgirls, by motorists, on their way to and from school. They also asked the Council to further consider the possibility of routing a city bus from the Pueblo District to the City schools to handle the transportation of these school children.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Sherfey, Chief of Police John H. Stroh informed the Council that the present patrol car travels up Torrance Boulevard through that district, but that the only way that police protection could be provided at all the hours requested would be to take men off their regular beat and put them in cars.

Councilman Powell moved that this communication be referred to the Council as a whole and the Chief of Police to give further study to the request and work out a measure of protection to the children during the desired hours. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. George W. Webb, 1342 Engracia Avenue, requesting a refund of his \$24.00 license fee. He stated that he had obtained a license to operate the Signal Service Station at Carson Street and Border Avenue on January 13, 1947, and that he is now going out of business.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Clerk be authorized to make this refund of \$24.00. 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.

A communication was read from the Honorable Jack B. Tenney, Senator of the State of California, acknowledging receipt of the Resolution of January 14, 1947 expressing appreciation for securing the ratification of the City Charter of the City of Torrance as one of the first matters of business in this Session of the Legislature. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Division of Highways, 808 State Building, Civic Center, 217 West First Street, Los Angeles, stating that a Highway Maintenance Station is being developed just west of the corner of Bailey and Hickman, and requesting that they be supplied with water from the well and pumping plant in that district for development. They also stated that they would like to be supplied from the Municipal Water District No. 2 in North Torrance, when that District is constructed, for their permanent water supply. Councilman Tolson moved that the above requests be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Tide Water Associated Oil Company, 79 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco, advising that no receipts or earnings were derived under Franchise Ordinance No. 127 from the use of oil pipe line in and along certain public highways in the City of Torrance, during the twelve months preceding February 1, 1947. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Mr. Arthur Taylor of the Engineering Offices of Taylor and Taylor, 725 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, in which the bids for materials for Municipal Water District No. 2, (which were received February 4, 1947) were reviewed, and recommendations made for the awarding of the contracts and the rejection of other bids.

The following is a list of the bids recommended for acceptance:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>FIRM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1	Cast Iron Pipe	U. S. Pipe and Foundry	\$ 97,192.10
2	Valves	Renssalaer Valve Company	3,129.05
3a	Hydrants	Crane Company	1,201.75
4	Fittings	Crane Company	3,074.70
5	Pressure Regulator	Crane Company	975.00
6	Flow Meter	Sparling Meter Company	1,080.00
			<u>\$106,652.60</u>

Recommended for rejection were the sole bids on Items 3b and 7. It was recommended that the Water Superintendent be authorized to issue a purchase order for these items, as follows:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EST. PRICE</u>
3b	23	Hydrant risers, extra heavy 6" steel pipe, threaded one end, flared other end to 7" O.D., 52" long	\$13.00 ea.
7	2	Bolted coupling for Class C.I. Pipe of 13.5" O.D.	\$13.00 ea.

Recommended also was that the contract for Item I for the Cast Iron Pipe should provide a clause to the effect that the District reserves the right to cancel on 3 months' notice delivery of:

430' of 12" C. I. Pipe and
1600' of 10" C. I. Pipe,

for it is anticipated that these quantities of pipe will be picked up within the next 100 days in order to make possible the first unit of work, that of getting water for delivery to the proposed Housing project on Crenshaw Boulevard, which has been discussed.

The letter stated that Mr. W. H. Stanger, Water Superintendent, has concurred in these recommendations.

Councilman Tolson moved that the recommendations of Mr. Arthur Taylor be concurred in. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which

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

A communication, addressed to Chief of Police John H. Stroh, was read from the Automobile Club of Southern California, Figueroa Street at Adams, Los Angeles, advising that a Boulevard stop sign is down at Hawthorne and Sepulveda Boulevards, and suggesting a replacement. Chief Stroh's notation at the bottom of the letter recommended that a new Stop sign be ordered.

Councilman Powell moved that the purchase of a new sign be authorized. 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.

A communication, addressed to Chief of Police John H. Stroh, was read from the Division of Highways, 808 State Building, Civic Center, 217 West First Street, Los Angeles, with reference to his request for information regarding a 25 mile zone on Pacific Coast Highway in the vicinity of Hawthorne Boulevard. They advised that there are insufficient residential or business structures to qualify this area as a 25 mile zone. However, they stated, the advanced pavement markings will be repainted in the near future.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1822

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ALLOCATING \$25,000 TO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 FROM "STATE AID" FUNDS, KNOWN AS "CHAPTER 20, STATUTES OF CALIFORNIA-----" FUNDS, FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTING THE LOMITA BOULEVARD SEWER TRUNK LINE.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1822 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1823

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ALLOCATING \$25,000 TO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 FROM "STATE AID" FUNDS, KNOWN AS "CHAPTER 20, STATUTES OF CALIFORNIA-----" FUNDS, AND ALSO "CHAPTER 47, STATUTES OF CALIFORNIA-----" FUNDS, FOR USE AND EXPENDITURE BY SAID DISTRICT FOR SEWERAGE SYSTEM PURPOSES.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1823 be adopted. 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.

Mayor Sherfey stated that he wished to be clarified on the necessity for allocating the above funds for sewerage system purposes. He stated that he would prefer that the Council defer action on the matter until he has been able to obtain more definite information.

During the ensuing discussion, the urgency of getting these sewer projects under way was brought out, due to the fact that the Public

Hearing is set for March 4, 1947. The Lomita Trunk Line is a necessity if a sewer system is to be installed in WALTERIA, as a connecting line will have to be made.

Engineer Jain informed the Council that the granting of these allocations should be made upon the following stipulations:

1. That if the WALTERIA Sewer District election fails to carry, the Lomita Trunk line will not be constructed and the money will be returned to the City, and
2. That if the project costs less than the estimated \$100,000 the difference will be returned to the City.

Engineer Jain also stated that the entire County Sanitation District No. 5 would have to be taxed if this \$50,000 contribution is not made for the construction of these sewerage systems. Mayor Sherfey advised that he was willing to see the allocations made, since he now has a more complete picture of the sewer problem.

A communication was read from Community Airports, Inc., P.O. Box 468, Los Angeles 53, requesting approval for the placement of a lean-to on the southeasterly side of their hangar at Torrance Field. Approval was also requested for the moving of an airplane storage hangar from the Los Angeles Municipal Airport to Community Airports, Inc.

Councilman Tolson moved that approval be given for the construction of a 1,700 sq. ft. lean-to addition to the present storage hangar for office and instruction purposes; to the moving of the hangar structure (40 ft. by 50 ft.) from the Los Angeles Municipal Airport to Community Airports, Inc., subject to checking of structural design by the Building Department; and that the Building Department be authorized to issue building permits for the above. The recommended fire resistive requirements of the Building Officials' Conference were approved for these structures. Engineer Jain suggested that the above motion include the following: The above approvals were based upon the recommendations of the Code Changes Committee of the Pacific Coast Building Officials' Conference. Councilman Powell seconded the combined motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Prack & Prack, Registered Architects, 119 Federal Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, requesting approval for the deletion of a sprinkling system in portions of the proposed new pottery plant for the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation to be located at the Southeast corner of 203rd Street and Crenshaw Boulevard.

Councilman Powell moved that requirements for automatic sprinklers in those portions of the proposed pottery plant, in which no combustible materials are used or stored, be waived, based upon the recommendation of the Los Angeles County Building Department, permitting unlimited area without sprinklers if properly isolated and if constructed entirely of incombustible materials and containing no combustible materials. Engineer Jain recommended that the above motion include the following: It is understood that the Company will install a completely automatic sprinkler system in the warehouse area and that an incombustible wall of two-hour fire resistive construction with suitable self-closing fire doors will be installed between the warehouse area and the unsprinkled portions of the building. Councilman Powell also moved that the Building Department be authorized to issue a building permit for the above. Councilman Jackson seconded the combined motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. F. J. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary of the National Supply Company, requesting permission to construct an extension to their existing foundry building at the Torrance Plant, the extension to be of the same material, steel frame with metal covering, as that of the existing foundry building.

Councilman Jackson moved that permission be granted to the construction of this extension, providing that it be properly isolated from other buildings, and that the Building Department be authorized to issue a building permit for its construction. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

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RESOLUTION NO. 1824

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONSOLIDATING THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE ON THE 18TH OF MARCH, 1947, WITH THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1824 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1824 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1825

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING ELECTION PRECINCTS AND APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION MARCH 18, 1947.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1825 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1825 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 386

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 18TH DAY OF MARCH, 1947, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY TWO PROPOSITIONS TO INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS BY SAID CITY FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 386 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Ordinance No. 386 be adopted for second and final 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.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$241.30, plus tax, be made for the purchase of two (2) Union Metal light poles, complete with reflectors and globes, for replacement purposes. 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 the Engineering Department be authorized to install a 6000 lumen, bracket type street light in Hollywood Riviera, at Palos Verdes Parkway and Calle Miramar, the cost for electricity to be \$3.49 per month. 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 \$900.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of sewer cleaning equipment and tools for 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 an appropriation of \$832.10 be made for 990 ft. 4" x 18" B & S Class 150 Cast Iron Pipe to replace 2" pipe laid in 1916 on 212th Street for the Water Department. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$832.10 be made for 990 ft. 4" x 18" B & S Class 150 Cast Iron Pipe to replace 2" pipe laid in 1922 on Andreo Avenue for the Water Department. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$91.99, including tax, be made for a steel file cabinet with four drawers for the City Clerk's office. 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.

Mayor Sherfey read a letter from Dale Riley, Superintendent of Recreation, in which he requested an appropriation of \$800.00 for materials to erect two toilets, one at Fern Avenue Park, size 12' x 14', and the other at Walteria, size 14' x 24' to have a tool shed in conjunction with it. Both buildings are to be constructed of cement brick which the City Engineer has approved. The above cost does not include plumbing costs.

Some discussion followed, in which Mr. Riley orally stated that there is urgent need for these buildings, as there are no washroom facilities at either park at the present time. He advised that, since the regular employees of the Recreation Department are going to furnish the labor for these toilets, they believed it should be done now, when they have no other important work at hand, and that the plumbing be installed later, when purchased. Mayor Sherfey suggested that Mr. Riley investigate the approximate cost for plumbing fixtures for both buildings, and report back to the Council at a subsequent meeting.

Councilman Powell moved that the recommendations of Mr. Riley be concurred in. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$175.00 be made for a cesspool at Walteria. 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 reported that he had talked with Mr. Rippy of Metropolitan Water Company with regard to the placement of water pipe

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lines in the event the beach area cities' election to join the Metropolitan Water District carries. He stated that no one can ascertain as yet just what the location of the pipe lines will be.

Mr. George Thatcher of WALTERIA again asked the Council to withhold the order of steel pipe until this information is obtained.

Mr. W. H. Stanger, Torrance Water Superintendent, advised the Council that at least half of the order for materials for the Municipal Water District No. 1 in WALTERIA has been delivered already, and that he believes it is too late to postpone the rest of the order.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this matter be taken under submission by the Council as a whole, that Mr. Johnson of Taylor and Taylor be prevailed upon to advise them whether or not it is too late to cancel the order, and that the order be cancelled if it is possible. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey announced that the request of Mary Merino for a business license to practice Phrenology would be taken up at the next regular meeting.

Otto B. Willett, City Attorney, advised that the Agreement between the American Legion and the City with regard to the Legion's concession at the Torrance City Park is in the hands of Dale Riley, who is making suggested revisions. He stated that he would have a report to make at the next regular meeting.

Chief of Police John H. Stroh, announced that he has been unable to contact Mr. Frank MacDonald in order to investigate his character and give recommendation to the Council in the matter of issuing him a license to operate his lunch wagon service in Torrance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Frank Richardson, Commander of the American Legion, asked the Council to grant free use of the Civic Auditorium for the regular Legion meetings. He stated that \$35.00 a night is quite an item for meetings alone, and asked that the Legion be granted the same privilege as the Long Beach organization which pays no rent for the use of a meeting hall. He took this opportunity also to request that the Council allow the Legion free use of the Auditorium for three special occasions during the coming year.

Councilman Tolson stated that if special privileges were allowed one organization, there could be no way to prevent others from making the same demands. He advised that \$35.00 just about covers expenses in connection with opening the Auditorium and maintaining it for one night, thus leaving no profit whatever. Last year, he said, the City lost a great deal of money in that manner.

After obtaining the opinions of all Council members, who agreed that the schedule of rates, rules and regulations had been duly made and adopted and should not be altered, Mayor Sherfey moved that the requests of Mr. Richardson be denied. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that 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 9:32 p.m., upon motion by Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Jackson, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE