

Torrance, California  
June 10, 1947

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, June 10, 1947, 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 May 27, 1947; the minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held May 28, 1947; and the minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held June 3, 1947 be approved as written. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

At 8:00 p.m. Clerk Bartlett announced that bids for gasoline for the 1947-48 fiscal year should be opened, which bids were opened and read as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>BID</u>
Pathfinder Petroleum Co. 3970 Medford Street Los Angeles, California	Pathfinder Ethyl Gasoline	\$0.1355 per gal.
	Pathfinder Pioneer Gasoline	0.1205 per gal.

Above prices are inclusive of California State Tax of .03 cents, but exclusive of any Federal Taxes.

Tide Water Associated Oil Company ASSOCIATED DIVISION Pacific Electric Bldg. Los Angeles 14, Calif.	Flying A Gasoline	\$0.1190 per gal.
	AroTane Gasoline	0.1340 per gal.

Above prices are exclusive of Federal Excise Tax of  $1\frac{1}{2}\phi$  per gallon and inclusive of State Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax of  $3\phi$  per gallon.

To supplement the above bid, the Tide Water Associated Oil Company, Associated Oil District of Gardena, California, will furnish a tank and pump, plus installation, if desired, to be paid at 1 cent per gallon, for gallonage used within each calendar month. Used Meter Pump \$100.00; New Computer Pump \$325.00; 2000-gal. Tank \$229.00; 3000-gal. Tank \$280.60; 5000-gal. Tank \$449.88.

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<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>BID</u>
Standard Oil Company of California Standard Oil Bldg. Los Angeles 54, Calif.	Chevron Supreme Gasoline Chevron Gasoline	\$0.14 per gal. 0.12 per gal.

Above prices include State Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax, but are exclusive of Federal Tax.

General Petroleum Corp. P.O. Box 227 Redondo Beach, Calif.	Mobilgas Special Gasoline Mobilgas Gasoline	\$0.15 per gal. 0.13 per gal.
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Above prices include State Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax, but are exclusive of Federal Tax.

Councilman Tolson moved that the gasoline bids be referred to the Council and the City Attorney for study, action thereon to be taken at the next regular meeting. 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.

This being the time fixed for the opening of bids for the collection and/or disposal of all garbage and tin cans, Clerk Bartlett said he had received only one bid which was from James Pratty Company, P.O. Box 6733, Los Angeles 22, California, and asked if the Council wished to have it opened. received

Councilman Tolson moved that all bids/for the collection and/or disposal of garbage and tin cans be rejected. 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 Tolson moved that the City Clerk be authorized to readvertise for bids for the collection and/or disposal of all garbage and tin cans for the fiscal year 1947-48. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that the bid of James Pratty Company be returned to the bidder unopened and that said company be advised that the City Council is readvertising for bids. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

This being the time fixed for the opening of bids for one (1) Master 20 K.W. 25 K.V.A. 60 cycle, alternating current Motor Generator Set, Clerk Bartlett advised that no bids had been received.

A communication was read from Bob L. Haggard, Realtor offering to lease, on a ten year basis for the sum of \$250.00 per month, Lots 3 and 4, Block 2, Torrance Tract, as a desirable terminus for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the communication be referred to Mr. Murphey, Manager, Municipal Bus Lines, for recommendation to the Council. Councilman Tolson informed him that the communication had been addressed to Mr. Murphey.

After some discussion, Councilman Gilbert rescinded his motion and moved that the communication be referred to the Council as a whole for study. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from E. Tarkington, Manager, Torrance Municipal Airport advising that Mr. Black, who was Supply Officer for the Civil Air Patrol on the Flight Strip, had applied for the gasoline concession and also desired to operate a little shop. Mr. Tarkington, who was not favorably impressed with Mr. Black as the type of individual who would be a desirable tenant at the airport, recommended that Mr. Black's personal connections with the Airport be severed as soon as possible.

Councilman Powell moved that the recommendation of Mr. Tarkington be concurred in, and that the City Council give him every assistance necessary in the successful operation of the airport. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from E. Tarkington, Manager, Torrance Municipal Airport, advising that R. S. Dodson, Aviation Representative for General Petroleum Corporation, had contacted him regarding the use of General Petroleum product at the field. Mr. Tarkington informed W. C. Campbell and J. H. Wolf, representatives of said corporation, that it was the policy to have more than one gasoline company represented on the field. The representatives of General Petroleum Corporation told him they were not interested in putting in a tank truck at the airport unless it was on an exclusive agreement. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Forrest G. Murdock, President-elect, El Camino College, Centinela Valley Union High School District, advising that El Camino College is vitally interested in the establishment of bus service throughout the junior college district, said district being located at the corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Redondo Beach Boulevard.

Councilman Tolson moved that this communication be referred to Mr. Murphey, Manager, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines for consideration. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J. Henrich Hull, Superintendent, Torrance City School District stressing the need for city-wide transportation facilities and particularly to various sections of the community such as Hollywood Riviera, Seaside Ranchos, Northeast Torrance and Northwest Torrance.

Councilman Tolson moved that this communication be referred to Mr. Murphey, Manager, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines for consideration. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Taylor and Taylor, Consulting Engineers, in the matter of the installation of the ten inch main to Dr. E. M. Ellinwood's property line, located in Water District #1, Walteria, advising that Dr. Ellinwood would be agreeable to this if the District will free his holdings from the District taxes. Taylor and Taylor advised these lands could not be exempt from taxes, so the line was to be laid.

Councilman Powell moved the communication be filed for future reference. Mayor Sherfey seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Chamber of Commerce calling attention to out-of-town lines encroaching upon the legitimate territory of Torrance, in Northwest and Northeast Torrance by Sunset Stages and Gardena Municipal Bus Lines, and impressing upon the Council the need for adequate transportation facilities to serve the people of all sections of Torrance. They also recommended the establishment of a centrally located bus depot.

Councilman Tolson moved that this communication be referred to Mr. Murphey, Manager, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines for consideration. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from William A. Mason, President, Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association, advising that the City Council of Palos Verdes Estates is enacting a city ordinance closing and abandoning all the present streets running between the City of Palos Verdes Estates and that portion of Torrance known as Hollywood Riviera, not including Hollywood Palos Verdes Parkway, and stating that the Homeowners Association is protesting such action.

A Notice was read advising that a hearing will be held at the offices of the City Council of Palos Verdes Estates on June 17, 1947 at 7:30 p.m. to hear all protests on the proposed vacation of certain streets.

In reply to Councilman Tolson's inquiry on the procedure to be followed in this matter, City Attorney Willett informed that there is nothing the City Council can do but enter a protest.

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Mayor Sherfey said that arrangements had been made for members of the Council, together with members of the Torrance Planning Commission, to attend the Hearing on June 17th.

A communication was read from the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, signed by J. G. Caldwell and Vern Coil, requesting that the Torrance Civil Service Board extend for at least six months the residential requirements of the Civil Service Ordinance.

Councilman Gilbert stated that the City Council can not authorize the Civil Service Board to extend the residential requirements regardless of the length of time involved.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the communication be filed for future reference. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Pacific Electric Railway Company granting a permit to the City of Torrance to enter upon the easterly four feet of Lots 1 and 2, the easterly three feet of Lot 3 and the easterly two feet of Lot 4, all in Block 106, Torrance Tract, at the southwest corner of 220th Street and Western Avenue for the purpose of placing and maintaining cut slopes along the easterly side of said property.

This permit, previously submitted at the meeting of May 27, 1947, was revised as to termination clause upon recommendation of City Engineer Jain.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this permit be referred to the City Engineer for checking and recommendation. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from City Engineer Jain attaching thereto an easement from the Commissioner of Public Works, Federal Works Agency, granting to the City of Torrance permission to use a certain strip of land across the northwesterly corner of the Torrance Municipal Airport for the construction of a 21 inch Sanitary sewer trunk line; which easement gives the City permission to authorize the Los Angeles County Sanitation District to act as a cooperative agency in the construction of this line. City Engineer Jain recommended that the Mayor be authorized to execute this easement.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Engineer's recommendation be concurred in and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the easement. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from City Engineer Jain in the matter of the request of the California-Nevada Properties, Inc., for installation of fire hydrants in Tract No. 10306, referred to him for instruction. Engineer Jain advised that the usual practice is for the Builder or Subdivider to make his own arrangements with whatever water company or district is serving his properties for the installation of fire hydrants; and the City then pays the private water company or district a monthly rental for the use of such fire hydrants. Engineer Jain recommended that the California-Nevada Properties Inc. be advised to make its own negotiations for the installation of these hydrants, and the city will then negotiate with the water company for rental of each hydrant.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the recommendation of City Engineer Jain be concurred in. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Torrance City Planning Commission, advising that the request of the Richfield Oil Corporation to have the previous Variance, Case No. 65, filed by the Community Airports, Inc., amended so that the Richfield Oil Company could construct a super service station building to the future property line of Redondo Beach Boulevard and also Prairie Avenue, was approved. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Torrance City Planning Commission, advising that the Petition for Variance, Case No. 78, submitted by Chester Kohler, Sr. requesting

permission to construct a fifty-seven foot extension at the rear of his private garage, was granted. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Torrance City Planning Commission, advising that the Petition for Variance, Case No. 82, filed by J. W. Loughridge, et al, requesting permission to construct a 25-Unit Motel on Lots 15 to 20, inclusive, Licensed Surveyor's Tract 23-32, situated at the southwest corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Neece Avenue, as well as the construction of seven garages and provision for eighteen parking spaces, was approved. Matter of record.

A communication was read from W. C. Bradford, Secretary, Torrance Civil Service Board, advising that the results of the recent open and promotional examinations for Manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines disclose that of the seven applications filed, four applicants were examined and none passed, and requesting the Council's action in this matter.

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

A copy of a communication from Taylor and Taylor, Consulting Engineers, addressed to Mr. W. H. Stanger, Manager, Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, was read advising that they enclosed one copy each of State Highway Department Permit F-70385, dated March 26, 1947, and Los Angeles County Road Department Permit 426672 (with drawing) covering work to be done in public roads in connection with the Municipal Water District No. 1 water line. Matter of record.

A communication was read from John D. Henderson, County Librarian, Los Angeles County Public Library, submitting revised tentative budget for 1947-48, covering salary adjustments, which increase will amount to \$396.00; the total estimated expenditures shown in the Revised Tentative Budget 1947-48 for Torrance Branch Library amounting to \$8,376.10.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Budget for the fiscal year 1947-48 for operation of the Torrance Branch Library be approved. 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.

A communication was read from A. C. Hoffman, Acting Business Manager, County of Los Angeles, Health Department, submitting for approval and signature contract for public health services in the City of Torrance for the fiscal year 1947-48.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute contract with the County of Los Angeles for public health services for the fiscal year 1947-48. 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.

A communication was read from Luippold Engineering Sales Co. submitting chlorine contract for the fiscal year 1947-48.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute contract with the Luippold Engineering Sales Co. for the fiscal year 1947-48. 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.

A communication was read from Mrs. Bernice D. Blonk requesting renewal of contract with the South Bay Humane Society for the fiscal year 1947-48, and submitting report of work done by the Society during the past year.

Councilman Powell moved that contract with the South Bay Humane Society for the fiscal year 1947-48 be renewed. Councilman Gilbert

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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 City Engineer Jain with reference to the reemployment of Roy Thompson as a relief man in the Street Department during vacation period. He explained that as such reemployment would probably establish a precedent, Street Superintendent Perkins was of the opinion that he could get along with his present force. Matter of record.

A communication was read from W. H. Stanger, Manager of the Water Department requesting authorization to employ Bob Lamphere, to replace Chester Crawford, resigned, and to employ Roy Thompson to help with new work in Walteria, his time to be charged to Bond Fund, both employees being taken from the laid-off Civil Service list; effective date of employment being June 9 and 11, 1947, respectively, salary \$205.00 per month.

Councilman Tolson moved that W. H. Stanger, Manager, Water Department, be authorized to employ the two above-mentioned employees. 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.

A communication was read from Albert E. Curler advising that he had tried to procure a building permit but had met with considerable opposition from the Engineering Department; and he criticized their inefficient attitude which Mr. Curler claims is a big obstacle in the local housing problem.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the above communication be referred to Councilman Jackson for checking with the Engineering Department. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A petition, bearing fifty-seven signatures, was presented requesting bus transportation for North Torrance.

Councilman Tolson moved that this petition be referred to Mr. Murphey, Manager, Municipal Bus Lines, for consideration. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell took occasion to remark that referring communications on matters of additional transportation to the Manager of the Municipal Bus Lines, did not solve the problem; this being the responsibility of the Council as the Manager of the Bus Lines could take no action without the approval of the Council.

Mayor Sherfey explained that Mr. Murphey, and the Council are aware of the lack of adequate transportation, and at a later meeting this evening they would discuss this question in an effort to procure better service and acquire additional equipment.

Clerk Bartlett read a report on the cost of repairing the Fire Station as follows: Labor \$1010.59; other expenses \$2758.80, making a total of \$3769.39.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Clerk be authorized to write a letter to Mr. Sam Levy expressing the Council's appreciation for his services in fulfilling his promise to put the Fire Station in such excellent condition.

Councilman Powell explained that the cost of repairing the Fire Station was borne by the City which also furnished as much labor as possible. Councilman Tolson stated that Mr. Levy came very close to repairing the Fire Station for the price he had estimated, namely about \$3100.00.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 389

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING TO STANDARD GAS COMPANY, AN IDAHO CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO LAY, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, REPAIR, RENEW, CHANGE THE SIZE OF, AND REMOVE PIPE LINES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF OIL, PETROLEUM, GAS, GASOLINE, WATER OR OTHER SUBSTANCES, IN, UNDER, ALONG AND ACROSS CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS, HIGHWAYS AND ALLEYS IN SAID CITY.

Councilman Gilbert moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 389 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 389 be adopted for final reading. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1840

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PLACING OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND SIGNS ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, BETWEEN TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND DEL AMO BOULEVARD (203RD STREET).

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1840 be adopted. 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 moved that John Maestri be given a permanent appointment as Patrolman with the Police Department, with an increase of \$10.00 per month in salary, he having completed his probationary period, effective May 16, 1947. 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 \$500.00 be made for the purchase of materials for the repairs to the interior of the Fire Station. 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 \$175.00 plus tax be made for the purchase of street patching materials consisting of 20 tons of #5 rock and 20 tons of #4 rock and 1000 gallons of L3X Bitumuls. 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 \$65.19, tax included, be made for the purchase of 2 barrels of Delvac Motor Oil. 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 \$1647.18 be made for payment of balance due for reconstruction of Fire Station.

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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.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Dale Riley, Superintendent of Recreation, speaking on behalf of the American Legion, requested permission to advertise the forthcoming Baseball Tournament on the outside of the Municipal busses.

After some discussion on whether the City had granted an exclusive contract to some advertising company, Councilman Tolson moved that the request be granted, provided it did not conflict with any advertising agent who might have a contract. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. James Evans, owner of the Evans Gift and Stationery Store on Marcelina Avenue, complained about the scattered rubbish to be found in the alley back of his shop which he claims constitutes a fire hazard. He stated that on several occasions he had appealed to the Fire Chief and Police Chief to remedy this condition but without any results.

After further discussion, Mayor Sherfey moved that the matter be referred to the Fire Chief for investigation and recommendation to the Council. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett informed the Council that the City has an opportunity to use the baseball fence for advertising from which the City would derive considerable revenue. He said that the City Attorney has ruled that it is perfectly legal to do this.

Councilman Tolson mentioned that a ruling had been given some time ago to the effect that there could be no advertising in the Municipal Park.

Councilman Tolson moved that the question of advertising in the Municipal Park be referred to City Attorney Willett for decision. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:20 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Jackson and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned to Friday, June 13, 1947 at 7:30 p.m.

A. H. Bartlett  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

John H. Sherfey Jr.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE