

Torrance California
August 12, 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, August 12, 1947, at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: Gilbert and Powell.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held July 22, 1947; the Minutes of a Public Hearing held July 30, 1947; the Minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held July 30, 1947; and the Minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held August 5, 1947 be approved as written. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication, bearing the signatures of seven residents on 203rd Street, Torrance, Pueblo District, was protesting the use of R-1 property located at 2220-203rd Street for a church, and requesting action to correct the situation.

Councilman Tolson moved that this communication be referred to the Planning Commission for investigation and recommendation to the Council at a later meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 of the American Legion, signed by D. A. Murphy, Commander, and James R. Wilkes, Adjutant, requesting the donation of the sum of \$50.00 for the purchase of a trophy to be presented to the winner of the American Legion sponsored Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament.

Councilman Jackson moved that this matter be referred to Dale Riley, Recreation Superintendent, for recommendation to the Council at the next meeting. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance City School District, signed by J. Henrich Hull, Superintendent, expressing appreciation for the excellent job done by the City in clearing the weeds from the Fern Avenue Park site, as previously requested by them. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Torrance City School District, signed by Emmett W. Ingram, Assistant Superintendent and Business Manager, with regard to the contract to be entered into between the

District and the Associated Oil Company for gasoline at the same price granted the City of Torrance.

Councilman Tolson moved that the transaction be approved at the prices quoted in the letter.

Councilman Tolson withdrew his motion after City Attorney Willett advised that the prices should be checked into before going ahead, due to the new two cent increase in State gasoline tax which was effective as of July 1, 1947.

Councilman Tolson moved that Clerk Bartlett be authorized to check the gasoline prices and notify the Torrance City School District of his findings. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance City School District, signed by J. Henrich Hull, Superintendent, requesting that the Council waive the regulation of the Building Code requiring foundations, in order that the District may use school bungalows as temporary housing due to the increased enrollment this year.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Council waive the restrictions in the Building Code requiring foundations for this particular type of temporary housing. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance City School District, signed by J. Henrich Hull, Superintendent, requesting that action be taken to make Spencer Street, and portions of 238th Street and Eshelman Avenue, safer for school bus transportation.

Councilman Jackson moved that this matter be referred to the City Engineer for his recommendation to the Council at the next meeting. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from S. W. Anderson and B. L. Barber, requesting a refund on License No. 1, issued on July 1, 1947, to operate an auto laundry at 1328 Cabrillo Avenue.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this request be granted and the refund made. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

A communication was read from Clifton A. Hix, Attorney, 1008 South Pacific Avenue, San Pedro, giving written authorization to transfer the permits for the operation of the Yellow Cab Company from the name of Clifton A. Hix to Messrs. John Pierce and B. W. Dowander, who recently bought said company. The communication bore Chief Stroh's recommendation.

A communication was read from Mr. Charles V. Jones, granting permission to the new owners of Yellow Cab Company to occupy space for one vehicle at a time on the west side of Stadden Auto Parts, 1601 Gramercy Avenue, on a month to month basis.

Clerk Bartlett presented three applications for taxicab-owner permits, signed by Messrs. John Pierce and B. W. Dowander, and approved by Chief Stroh.

Councilman Tolson moved that the permits for the operation of the Yellow Cab Company be issued Messrs. John Pierce and B. W. Dowander. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, stating that the Tentative Map of Tract No. 14898, filed by the Riviera Housing Corporation, was considered and approved at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission held August 5, 1947.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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Upon inquiry by Mr. Lee Flanagan of Hollywood Riviera, Commander William A. Mason, also of Hollywood Riviera, explained that this Tract has not been subdivided before and the plans as specified in Mr. Jain's communication will in no way affect Mr. Flanagan's property.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, with reference to Petition for "Special Permit", Case No. 88, filed by Sol Burns and Jean Burns for permission to operate a salvage and junk yard, which was denied by the Commission on August 5, 1947. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, with reference to a request for special rear yard setbacks by California-Nevada Properties, Inc., which has been approved by the Commission. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer and Secretary of the Planning Commission, with regard to Petition for Variance, Case No. 90, filed by the Roman Catholic Church, which was granted by the Commission. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, with reference to the application of the Huntington Redondo Company, requesting the vacation and abandonment of the westerly 112½ feet of Hollywood Palos Verdes Parkway. He stated that the Commission recommends to the Council that the request be granted providing that the City receives a written statement from the County Regional Commission that they anticipate no future need for this land for parkway purposes.

A communication, addressed to Dale Riley, Recreation Superintendent, was read from Lindsay D. Ridgeway, Chairman, Labor Day Activities, 1019 West East Road, requesting the use by the Lions Club and Moose Club of the Torrance Ball Park for an all-day picnic on Labor Day.

A communication was read from Dale Riley, Recreation Superintendent, recommending that the request be granted.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request of Mr. Ridgeway be granted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read:

ORDINANCE NO. 392

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 3,
SUBPARAGRAPH (e) OF ORDINANCE NO. 326.

Councilman Tolson moved that Ordinance No. 392 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, with reference to the acquisition of certain properties and slope easements on Western Avenue by the Bureau of Right-of-Way and Land of the City of Los Angeles, and recommending that the attached executed instruments be accepted by the City Council.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1844

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING HIGHWAY
EASEMENT FROM THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA
AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY AND
AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1844 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1844 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1845

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT DEED AND AGREEMENT FROM BENJAMIN H. LINGENFELTER AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1845 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1845 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1846

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT DEED AND AGREEMENT FROM ADRIENNE E. ROMBERGER AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1846 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1846 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1847

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT DEED FROM JOHN M. CLEMONS AND EVA C. CLEMONS AND PARTIAL RECONVEYANCE FROM BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1847 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1847 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

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RESOLUTION NO. 1848

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT DEED AND
AGREEMENT FROM CITIZENS NATIONAL TRUST
AND SAVINGS BANK OF LOS ANGELES, TRUSTEE,
AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1848 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1848 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1849

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT
DEED AND AGREEMENT FROM GEORGE SCHMIDT
AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1849 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1849 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1850

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT DEED
AND AGREEMENT FROM W. RUFUS PAGE AND DELLA
BAKER PAGE AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1850 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1850 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1851

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING SLOPE EASE-
MENT FROM PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY
COMPANY AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1851 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1851 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1852

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT DEED
AND AGREEMENT FROM PACIFIC SMELTING
COMPANY AND QUITCLAIM DEED FROM MAURICE
D. AND JACK SCHWARTZ AND AUTHORIZING
RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1852 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1852 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1853

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT DEED
AND AGREEMENT FROM CHAS. J. AND RACHEL
R. HATHAWAY AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING
OF SAME.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1853 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1853 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1854

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING QUITCLAIM DEED
FROM REMCO REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT COMPANY
AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1854 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1854 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1855

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING AGREEMENT
FROM THE NATIONAL SUPPLY COMPANY
AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1855 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1855 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$180.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of 20 tons of No. 5 rock; 20 tons of No. 4 rock and 1,000 gallons of L3X Bitumuls for road and street repair. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$170.00 be made for installation of a 300 gallon water tank on the 300 gallon American La France pumper now housed at the Fire Department garage in Walteria, but which is soon to be removed to the Flight Strip. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$500.00 be made for the improvement of the Police Station. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

City Attorney Willett advised that, in connection with the claim brought against the City by Mr. Jacob Brock for \$50.00 compensation due to damage brought about by the Walteria Fire Department when his garage caught fire, the Phoenix Insurance Company, with whom Mr. Brock is insured, will settle with him on the damages.

City Attorney Willett advised that the hedge Mr. Gus Weber complained of in a letter several weeks ago could not possibly be considered a "spite fence". Therefore, it would be inadvisable for the Council to act upon the matter.

City Attorney Willett stated that the action filed by Sol Burns has been dismissed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commander William A. Mason, President of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association, 204 Via la Circula, addressed the Council with a plea for action on the overgrown weeds in the parkways in Hollywood Riviera, which have also sprung up in the cracks in the street pavements.

Mr. W. M. Edwards, 266 Via Buena Ventura Boulevard, Hollywood Riviera, stated that the area surrounding his neighborhood has a very neglected appearance and requested that something be done to clean up the weeds and put the streets in repair.

Mr. Phillip Shaw, 232 Paseo de Gracia, Hollywood Riviera, stated that during the past year no fire breaks have been provided to ward off the possibility of grass fires.

Mr. H. Jacob Flock, 421 Via la Selva, Hollywood Riviera, requested that the dumping ground in that area be cleared off, as it now has an accumulation of six or eight months' weeds and rubbish and is eight or ten feet high. He stated that Hollywood Riviera is a district that is growing, with much building going on at the present time, and warrants better care than it is now receiving.

Mr. H. Merle Bird, Hollywood Riviera, requested that the Council take action to authorize the repair of certain streets in the district, especially Via Monte D'Oro which carries a great deal of traffic, including heavy trucks carrying building materials to a new housing tract to the south.

Commander Mason again addressed the Council, asking whether or not it would be possible for the Council to take action on these matters tonight.

Councilman Tolson moved that Mr. Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, be authorized to compute an estimate on the cost for repair to streets in Hollywood Riviera for report to the Council on the earliest possible date. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. B. J. Michels, 3417 Newton Street, WALTERIA, addressed the Council, calling attention to the fact that the WALTERIA Park restroom has no fixtures installed to make it available for use.

Mayor Sherfey advised Mr. Michels that an authorization was recently made by the Council for the installation of these fixtures in the WALTERIA Park, as well as the Fern Avenue Park.

Mr. Michels also stated that he has noted a dump in operation on Sepulveda Boulevard, west of the Quandt Ranch, which, he was told, has the Council's sanction.

Following some discussion, in which all the Council members stated that the dump was operating without their knowledge, Councilman Tolson moved that this matter be referred to the Police Department for investigation and report to the Council at the next meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. W. M. Edwards requested information regarding a street light which the Council authorized to be installed some time ago on Via Monte D'Oro in Hollywood Riviera.

Mayor Sherfey moved that City Engineer Glenn Jain be requested to make a report to the Council in the near future on the status of the proposed street light at this location. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Lee Flanagan, Hollywood Riviera, suggested that when the Street Department estimates the amount of work to be done in the repair of streets in that district, they also give thought to killing the weeds by the purchase of a quantity of 24-D Weed Killer.

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

At 9:03 p.m., upon motion by Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, August 19, 1947, at 7:45 p.m.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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