

Torrance, California
August 19, 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 Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, August 19, 1947 at 7:45 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.

This being an Adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

A petition, bearing nine signatures of property owners, was read requesting the Council to comply with their promise of eight months ago to complete resurfacing and grading of Bailey Drive and Hickman Drive. They explained that the present condition of these drives is a menace to health and safety and stressed the urgency of this work because of the forthcoming rainy season.

After some discussion with the City Engineer on the condition of these streets, Councilman Jackson moved that the request for the completion of resurfacing and grading of Bailey and Hickman Drives be referred to the City Engineer for study, and that he submit an estimate of the cost of completing this work at the next regular meeting. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. D. G. Stanton, residing at Alstate Trailer Park, Crenshaw and Jefferson, Torrance, stating that a piece of property forty feet in width, extending west from Jefferson Street, is at present vacant, but in the future is to become a street, and requesting permission to use this land for the cultivation of flowers.

After some discussion on the future grading of this proposed street, Councilman Tolson moved that Mr. Stanton be permitted to plant flowers on this piece of land with the understanding that if at any time there should be any grading, Mr. Stanton would be required to move his flowers and that the City will not be liable for any expenses in connection therewith. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Harry A. Williams, P and W Used Cars, 1813 No. Long Beach Blvd., Compton, requesting a license to operate a used car lot, located at 2030 Torrance Blvd.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this request be referred to the Planning Commission for recommendation. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion.

After discussing with Engineer Jain and City Attorney Willett, the Business License Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance governing the establishment of a used car lot, Mayor Sherfey withdrew his motion and Councilman Jackson withdrew his second.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the request of Harry A. Williams for a license to operate a used car lot be referred to the Planning Commission and the Chief of Police for recommendation. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from United Public Workers of America, C.I.O., signed by Harry Jung, International Representative, stating that at the last hearing before the Torrance City Council it was agreed that a further discussion should take place after the Council had had an opportunity to estimate the allocations within the city budget, and he now requested an appointment with the City Council for discussion of prevailing wages and increased cost of living in this community.

After discussing a suitable date and hour for the requested appointment, it was decided to make definite arrangements after the meeting.

A communication was read from H. R. Burgess, 2815 Arlington Avenue, requesting a refund on Business License No. 60, Auto Laundry, issued July 31, 1947, and informing that he sold the business on August 13, 1947.

Councilman Jackson moved that the request for a refund be granted. 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 addressed to City Engineer Jain was read from the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission advising that the Commission had considered the proposal of the City of Torrance to vacate the westerly 112½ feet of Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway between the city limits of the City of Torrance and the City of Palos Verdes Estates, and advising that this matter was held under submission pending further investigation. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Dale Riley, Superintendent of Recreation, recommending that the City Council appropriate \$25.00 toward the cost of the first place trophy for presentation to the winner of the Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$25.00 be made toward the cost of the trophy as recommended by Mr. Riley. 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 A. J. Setting, Secretary, Torrance Tournament of Roses Association, sponsored by the 20-30 Club of Torrance, outlining their plans for participation in this coming New Year's Tournament of Roses; stating that a fund raising campaign has already been started; and requesting the City Council to increase its financial support in an amount of \$1,500.00.

Councilman Jackson moved that this communication be referred to the Council as a whole for further study and report at the next Regular Meeting, the Secretary of the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association to be advised of this fact. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

J. W. Alford, owner of the City Taxi Company, presented proposed schedule of rates to be charged and requesting approval of same.

Councilman Jackson moved that the application of J. W. Alford be referred to Chief Stroh for his recommendation to the Council at the next Regular Meeting. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A petition was presented by James E. Stinson, 1016 S. LaCienega, Los Angeles, requesting change of Zone of Lot 2, Tract No. 10786, from R-1, Single Family Residential to R-3, Multiple Family Residential.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the petition be referred to the Planning Commission for action. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Chief Stroh reported that, after investigating the complaint that a dump is in operation on Sepulveda Blvd. west of the Quandt Ranch, he could find no dump around or near the Quandt Ranch.

A communication was read from City Engineer Jain requesting authorization to employ two temporary construction inspectors to handle full-time inspection on two new subdivisions being started immediately. He explained that the subdivider is depositing an amount with the City estimated to cover their salaries and expenses, and although on the city payroll, it is anticipated there will be little time chargeable to the City.

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Councilman Jackson moved that the City Engineer be authorized to secure the necessary help for the work outlined in his communication, employment date to be effective when employed, and to submit to the Council for consideration the salary to be paid. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from City Engineer Jain advising that before the budget cut in April, four street resurfacing projects had been started, and are now in the grading stage and should be resurfaced. He recommended that no additional projects be authorized until those already started have been completed. No action.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1856

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT
APPURTENANT FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF
PUBLIC ROADS AND AUTHORIZING RECORD-
ING OF SAME.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1856 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 for final reading and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 392

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

Councilman Tolson moved that Ordinance No. 392 be adopted for final 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.

At 8:15 p.m., Councilman Tolson moved that a recess of five minutes be declared pending the arrival of Councilman Gilbert. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

At 8:25 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned to August 20, 1947 at 7:00 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

J. Hugh Sherfey, Jr.
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE