

Torrance, California
September 2, 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, September 2, 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, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: Powell.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

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

A communication was read from Chas. A. Curtiss, Deputy City Treasurer, requesting authority to transfer \$16,500.00 from the Torrance Municipal Improvement District #1 General Account to its Bond Account as of June 30, 1947, in accordance with instructions from Mr. Bruce Brown, City Auditor.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Deputy City Treasurer be authorized to make the fund transfer as recommended. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

A communication was read from William G. White requesting permission to occupy a house trailer at 3850 Newton Street, WALTERIA, Lot 23, Block 16, WALTERIA Tract. He explained that this would be a temporary arrangement as he was building a garage house on this lot to which he will move as soon as completed.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Mr. White be granted permission to occupy a trailer on Lot 23, Block 16, WALTERIA Tract for a period of ninety days. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Los Angeles, signed by H. P. Cortelyou, Engineer-Director, with reference to the removal of a quantity of debris, which has accumulated within Western Avenue between 222nd Street and 228th Street, and to discourage dumping in this area. It is estimated that a total of 100 truck loads of debris should be removed, 40% of which is the responsibility of the City of Torrance; and if the City of Torrance will clear its portion of Western Avenue, they offer the free use of their mechanical loading equipment in exchange for free disposal of their portion of the debris in the Torrance City Dump.

Councilman Jackson moved that Mr. Cortelyou's communication with reference to the removal of debris be referred to the City Engineer for recommendation at the next regular meeting and that Chief of Police Stroh be authorized to investigate the dumping of rubbish in this area. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Department of Public Works advising that the Collier-Burns Highway Act which goes into effect September 23, 1947, and becomes operative January 1, 1948, provides for a system of major city streets in each city. It further provides that the system of major city streets shall be selected by the city council, on the basis of greatest city importance, subject to the approval of the department. They propose drafting future project agreements in the near future, and request that cities desiring to submit revisions in its system do so at this time.

Councilman Tolson moved that this communication be referred to the City Engineer for study, and that he submit to the City Council his recommendation for revision of the city's system of major streets. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Chief of Police Stroh requesting authorization to hire five crossing guards for the following designated places, at an hourly rate of 85¢ per hour, effective September 15, 1947: Torrance Blvd. and Arlington Avenue; Torrance Blvd. and Crenshaw Blvd.; Carson Street and Manuel Street; Arlington Avenue and Plaza Del Amo; and 101 Highway and 242nd Street, WALTERIA.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Chief Stroh be authorized to hire five crossing guards. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$251.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of an Elgin Motor and Compressor, for the Street Department Bitumuls machine. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$64.50, plus tax, be made for the purchase of a 10" diamond edge saw blade for the Street Department's concrete cutting machine. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Mayor Sherfey inquired of Chief Stroh if the request for a squad car and two men were included in his Department's Budget. Chief Stroh replied that they had been included and the budget was presented to the Council for approval, but he did not know if the Council had approved his request.

Mayor Sherfey asked Chief Stroh to check this matter and then submit a formal request to the Council for approval.

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Mr. John Pierce, Yellow Cab Company of Torrance, stated that at the meeting of August 26th he had submitted proposed schedule of rates to be charged, that since then he had changed his rates from 15¢ for the first half mile to 20¢, and inquired if it was necessary for him to submit a new application.

In reply to Mr. Pierce's inquiry, Councilman Tolson informed him that he could submit a new application and if it met with the Chief's approval the Council could approve it at the next meeting.

Chief Stroh replied that the ordinance states that the Council, and not the Chief of Police, has the authority to set the rates. Chief Stroh said that he had approved one application which rates he believed were fair for taxi meters; and he contended that the rates being charged by cabs with taxi meters meet the requirements, whereas the same rates would not apply to cabs operating by speedometer reading. He pointed out that the Taxi Cab Ordinance provides that a cab owner can operate with or without a taxi meter.

After further discussion, Councilman Gilbert moved that the matter be referred to Chief Stroh and that he be authorized to obtain the rates being charged by taxi cab companies in the South Bay area, and submit his findings and recommendations to the Council in order that the Taxi Cab Ordinance can be amended to provide uniform rates. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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At 8:10 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE