

Torrance, California
September 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 Wednesday, September 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 Gilbert moved that the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held August 26, 1947 and the Minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held September 2, 1947, be approved as written. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

The Union Oil Company of California submitted statements showing 2% of the gross receipts for the year ending June 30, 1947, under County of Los Angeles Franchise Ordinance No. 1010 and No. 1501, in an amount of \$58.55. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Young Men's Christian Association, signed by Mr. Theodore Meier, Secretary of the Torrance Area, reporting the attendance of Tartar Town activities held in the Civic Auditorium through the months of March to June, 1947, inclusive, and enclosing check for \$294.00 covering rental fee. They expressed their appreciation for the use of the facilities of the Auditorium during the past two and a half years.

A communication was read from the Torrance City School District advising that the Board of Education, at their meeting of September 2, 1947, approved the agreement with the City of Torrance, in which gasoline will be delivered to the School District equipment at \$.1340 per gallon - regular gasoline, and at \$.1490 per gallon - Ethyl gasoline, plus one-half cent handling charge per gallon. Matter of record.

A communication was read from George W. Leech, 727 Border Avenue, Torrance, requesting refund on Business License No. 74, Auto Laundry, which was issued August 18, 1947, and in operation for only thirteen days.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Mr. Leech be granted a refund on License No. 74. 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 G. A. Mothersell, 2321 West 237th Street, Torrance, requesting the installation of a street light at 237th Street, between Pennsylvania Avenue and Narbonne Avenue.

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

A communication was read from Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, enclosing copy of a letter received from Mr. J. Henrich Hull, Superintendent, Torrance City School District, with reference to four-way stop sign at the intersection of 182nd Street and Hawthorne Avenue for the protection of school children who live in the County territory of El Nido and attend the Perry School. Supervisor Darby advised that he had referred Mr. Hull's request to the County Traffic Committee of the State Highway Department for recommendation.

In this connection, a communication was read from Mr. S. V. Cortelyou, Assistant State Highway Engineer, stating the result of their investigation and advising they will schedule further investigation to determine what, if any, additional safety devices can be placed at the intersection of 182nd Street and Hawthorne Avenue; but that a preliminary check indicates that the intersection falls far below the warrants set forth by the American Association of State Highway Officials for the type of traffic control suggested by Mr. Hull. They suggested that the best immediate relief could be secured at this location by the use of a crossing guard.

There was some discussion on whether gas tax funds could be used for the establishment of crossing guards, City Attorney Willett explaining that a recent new law permitted a city to use Traffic Safety Funds for this purpose.

Councilman Tolson requested the City Attorney to check into this phase of the matter.

At 8:00 p.m. Mayor Sherfey announced that the time had arrived for opening of bids for Second Phase of Pipe Line Installation for Torrance Municipal Water District No. 2.

Clerk Bartlett advised that two bids had been received which he opened and read as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>		<u>BID</u>
Hood Construction Co.	Lump sum for Unit A	\$3524.22
3332 E. Florence	For each extra ft.10" pipe add	.70
Huntington Park, Calif.	For each less ft.10" pipe deduct	.70
	For each extra ft.8" pipe add	.60
	For each less ft.8" pipe deduct	.60
	Lump sum for Unit B	\$4077.00
	For each extra ft.12" pipe add	.90
	For each less ft.12" pipe deduct	.90
	For each extra ft.10" pipe add	.81
	For each less ft.10" pipe deduct	.81

Bidder's Bond in amount of \$800.00 accompanied bid.

Pacific Pipeline & Engineers, Limited	Lump sum for Unit A	\$4490.00
2268 E. Firestone	For each extra ft.10" pipe add	1.00
Los Angeles, Calif.	For each less ft.10" pipe deduct	1.00
	For each extra ft.8" pipe add	.90
	For each less ft.8" pipe deduct	.90
	Lump sum for Unit B	\$6970.00
	For each extra ft.12" pipe add	1.10
	For each less ft.12" pipe deduct	1.10
	For each extra ft.10" pipe add	1.00
	For each less ft.10" pipe deduct	1.00

Bidder's Bond in amount of \$1,146.00 accompanied bid.

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Councilman Tolson moved that the bids be referred to Taylor and Taylor, Consulting Engineers, and Wm. H. Stanger, Manager of the Water Department for study and recommendation. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A Petition from the Walteria Civic Organization bearing approximately forty-five signatures was presented requesting that immediate action be taken to remedy the deplorable condition of Madison, Park and Ward Streets lying north of Pacific Coast Highway in Walteria and advising that veteran families had been given written assurance in their contracts that the streets would be improved and street lights provided.

After discussing this condition with the City Engineer, Mayor Sherfey moved that City Engineer Jain be authorized to prepare an estimate of the cost for the improvement of these streets. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication addressed to City Engineer Jain from the Southern California Edison Company was read explaining that an astronomic type Telechron driven time switch is used to control the burning hours of the street light circuits, and that as these clocks are so reliable, they are at a loss to understand why certain lights were burning at 7:30 a.m. They assured the Council that if at any time due to their equipment or acts of their employees, the City of Torrance is penalized, they are willing to make any adjustments necessary to correct them.

A communication was read from W. C. Bradford, Secretary of the Civil Service Board, advising that the Board had authorized examinations for the positions of "Manager, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines" and "Engineering Aid III", with one year's residence requirement waived. He explained that at a previous examination for "Manager of Bus Lines," the only applicant failed to obtain a passing grade, and there were no applications filed for the position of "Engineering Aid III". The Civil Service Board, therefore, requested the City Council to concur in their recommendation that the residence requirement be waived for these two examinations, as authorized by Ordinance No. 392, amending Civil Service Ordinance No. 326.

Councilman Tolson moved that the recommendation of the Civil Service Board be concurred in. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, advising that the petition of the California-Nevada Properties, Inc., for a Change of Zone, Case No. 89, affecting all of Tract No. 10306, from an A-1 (Light Agricultural) zone to an R-1 (Single-family Residential) zone, excepting Lots 2 and 3, Block "G", and Lots 19 and 20, Block "A" of said Tract, had been approved by the Planning Commission and recommending that the City Council concur in this action. He stated it was necessary that the City Council set a date for a Public Hearing.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be concurred in, and that a Public Hearing be held on October 14, 1947, the date of the Regular Council Meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, advising that the Planning Commission had denied the Petition for Variance, Case No. 91, of C. K. Thomas, to permit the construction of a residence and dance studio on Lot 6, Block 62, Torrance Tract, situated at the southwest corner of Torrance Boulevard and Acacia Avenue.

A communication addressed to City Engineer Jain from Southern California Edison Company was read advising that street lights will be burning on Eldorado within the week; also that the Sepulveda Boulevard locations are far removed from street lighting circuits, which will necessitate the installation of multiple lamps controlled by individual time clocks, and it will probably be April of 1948 before these are installed because of the cycle change of the Edison System. The Edison Company also advised that the Via Monte D'Oro

and Catalina Avenue location is held up due to lack of easement, and that the installation of this street light will await further action by the Huntington Land Company.

A communication was read from the Pacific Electric Railway Company requesting the City Council to accept Bond No. 122252 of the Indemnity Insurance Company of North America, which will take the place of Saint Paul Mercury Indemnity Company Bond No. 977970 which was issued to cover obligations under Torrance City Franchise Ordinance No. 376 covering the maintenance, etc. of spur track in Ferrocarril Avenue, Torrance.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Indemnity Insurance Company of North America Bond No. 122252, submitted by the Pacific Electric Railway Company, be accepted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A memorandum was read from Chief of Police Stroh recommending the employment of the following crossing guards at a rate of 85¢ per hour, 5 days a week, effective September 15, 1947: Mrs. R. Brown, Torrance Blvd. and Crenshaw Blvd.; Mrs. R. Comer, Arlington Avenue and Plaza Del Amo; Mrs. V. Miller, Arlington Avenue and Torrance Blvd.; Mrs. Sperry, Walteria and Mrs. V. Hansen, Carson Street and Martina Avenue.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Chief Stroh's recommendation for employment of five crossing guards be concurred in. 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. 1858

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DETERMINING THE NATURE, LOCATION AND EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD, ELDORADO STREET, SONOMA STREET, CARSON STREET, JUNIPER AVENUE, IRIS AVENUE, HICKORY AVENUE, GREENWOOD AVENUE, FERN AVENUE, ELM AVENUE AND DATE AVENUE, ALL LYING WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE VISTA HIGHLANDS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, SAID DISTRICT LYING GENERALLY BETWEEN THE CENTER LINE OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD, THE CENTER LINE OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, 202 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF CARSON STREET, 150 FEET WEST OF THE WEST LINE OF JUNIPER AVENUE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS, PAVEMENT AND APPURTENANT WORK THEREIN; THE GENERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; THE STATUTE UNDER WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO CONDUCT THE PROCEEDINGS FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENT; ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A REPORT ON SAID PROJECT, PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2830, INCLUSIVE, OF DIVISION 4, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA; AND FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING ON SAID REPORT.

City Engineer Jain explained that before passing the Resolution, a motion should be made to approve or disapprove the Report on the Proposed Vista Highlands Improvement District, dated August, 1947, prepared by Harold A. Barnett, Engineer, and he suggested that Mr. L. F. Pack, representative of Harold A. Barnett, give a verbal report on the Vista Highlands Improvement.

Mr. Pack explained that the proceedings for this improvement are being conducted under the provisions of the Improvement Act of 1911, and the proposed improvement is designed to give the property owners the opportunity of developing their property. He stated the project was initiated by a petition of property owners of the district and the Council and City Engineer are carrying out the wishes of the people. He explained the estimated assess-

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ments are estimated figures, but it is believed they will not be any higher. The assessments are spread on an area basis, the assessable area being the area of a lot to a depth of 70 feet, and the assessments are supposed to be levied in proportion to the benefits received by the improvement. If the estimated assessment does exceed the valuation the project must be abandoned unless the Council overrides it. If protests have been filed by owners of less than 50% of the frontage, the protests against the proposed improvement are denied, but this matter will be taken care of after the hearing. October 14, 1947 has been set as the date for hearing protests which will give each property owner the opportunity to protest verbally or by letter. Mr. Pack concluded by saying that the property owners of this district are the ones to determine whether this proposed improvement is carried out.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Report on the Proposed Vista Highlands Improvement District prepared by Harold A. Barnett, Engineer be approved and accepted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1858 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1858 be adopted. 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.

A communication was read from City Engineer Jain presenting documents covering Right-of-Way Acquisition on Western Avenue, and requesting that they be accepted and recorded immediately so there will be no change in ownership.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1859

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING AGREEMENT FROM LEE
B. WEST AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1859 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1860

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT
DEED FROM LEE B. WEST AND AUTHORIZ-
ING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1860 be adopted. 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. 1861

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT DEED FROM
YUKIKO OKAZAKI AND SAKARU KIYOKANE AND
AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1861 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1862

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF PARTIAL RECONVEYANCE DEED FROM TORRANCE ESCROW & SAFE DEPOSIT BOX CORPORATION.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1862 be adopted. 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. 1863

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT DEED FROM LESTER D. WINLAND AND BLANCHE A. WINLAND AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1863 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1864

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF PARTIAL RECONVEYANCE DEED FROM SECURITY-FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1864 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1865

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT DEED FROM HARRY P. HOUGH, Jr. AND RUTH C. HOUGH AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1865 be adopted. 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.

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Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1866

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

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1866 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 Tolson moved that the City Attorney proceed with whatever action is necessary for the abandonment of these streets and alleys. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that five hydrants be installed in the new addition to the Kettler Housing Project in accordance with Fire Chief McMaster's recommendation. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell explained that moneys received from the sale of hydrants to the International Derrick and Equipment Company had been deposited in the City General Fund and should have been deposited to the funds of the Water Company; therefore, he moved that \$135.00 be transferred from the City General Fund to the General Fund of the Water Company. 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 Powell addressed the Council saying that in the near future he expected to leave Torrance and desired at this time to tender his resignation as a member of the City Council, effective September 15, 1947. He publicly thanked all his friends for their loyal support during his tenure in office.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the resignation of Councilman Powell be accepted with sincere regrets. He expressed his pleasure at having been on the Council with him and commended Mr. Powell for his attitude, foresight and manner in matters pertaining to the betterment of the community.

Mayor Sherfey requested the City Clerk to write a letter to Councilman Powell thanking him for his long years of service on the Council, and expressing the Mayor's appreciation of his sincere efforts on behalf of the citizens of Torrance. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson referred to the request made sometime ago by residents of Hollywood Riviera for resurfacing of streets in that district, and which matter had been referred to the City Engineer.

City Engineer Jain stated that because of the present financial condition of the City, it will not be possible to resurface any of the streets until next spring. He explained that the little traffic going over these streets, which have been in use for more than twenty years, has caused their deterioration, and as there are many miles of streets, all in approximately the same condition, it would make the expense of repairing very high, and recommended that the weeds be removed from the gutters at this time.

Councilman Jackson moved that City Engineer Jain use the necessary men to remove the weeds in the Hollywood Riviera District. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of \$294.23 be made for payment of plumbing pipe and fittings for the toilet buildings at the Fern Avenue and Walteria Parks. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$516.40 be made for payment to Harold A. Barnett, Engineer, for engineering services for month of August, 1947, on preparation of debt limit report, Vista Highlands Improvement District. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Chief of Police Stroh be authorized to employ two police officers, the salary and date of appointment to be determined at the time of employment. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Chief of Police Stroh be authorized to purchase an automobile for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$2000.00. 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.

Mayor Sherfey moved that a City Airport Planning Commission be created and authorized the appointment of the following members: The Chairman of the City Planning Commission, Mr. Tom F. McGuire, City Engineer Glenn M. Jain, City Attorney Otto B. Willett, City Airport Manager Elvan Tarkington and himself as Mayor of the City of Torrance; he also moved that the City Clerk be authorized to notify these persons immediately of their appointment and request that they hold a meeting at the earliest convenient date to discuss the planning and development of the airport, elect a chairman and set regular meeting dates. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Clerk, City Treasurer and Deputy City Treasurer be instructed to prepare monthly financial reports for all City Departments and the City Council, and to have the same for the month of August ready not later than September 15, 1947. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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Mr. Harry Jung, International Representative, United Public Workers of America, C.I.O., addressed the Council. He explained that his union represents the employees of the City of Torrance and has done so for a number of years. In the past it had been the regular procedure for the Council to meet in special meeting with representatives of Local 360, and at such meeting had discussed problems pertaining to increase in living costs and prevailing wages in the community in an effort to reach an agreement on a wage schedule for the city employees. This procedure is followed in many communities where city employees are organized. This year he had made a similar request for a special meeting with the Council, but this request had not been granted. He stated that the Council had questioned by what right the Union represented the city employees, and also questioned if the Council had the right to deal with the Union. Mr. Jung explained that in the past the Council had met the representatives of Local 360, to which Union a majority of the city employees belonged, exclusive of the Police Department. This can be proved by the fact that union dues are deducted from the salaries of the employees. Consequently, the question is not whether the Council has the right or not to negotiate with the Union, but the Council can and should meet with representatives of the Union in order to bargain collectively, and the only method of arriving at an agreement is not through

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one person or group but by collective bargaining, which will assure the uninterrupted service of the community. He expressed the opinion that failure on the part of the Council to meet with representatives of the Union is an action which the community would not approve and the services of the community are endangered by such procedure.

Mr. Jung had only one request to make, that the Council refrain from unilateral action which would harm the citizens, any action which under certain circumstances lead to the lowering of morale, lead to misunderstanding and possibly to interruption of city service. This the Union desires to avoid through peaceable negotiations. He requested that the Council, without further delay, set a date for a meeting with representatives of the Union to discuss their problems and reach an agreement with representatives of the city's employees.

Mayor Sherfey replied that in his opinion the Council had not refused to meet with representatives of the Union, but that the Council meets all people at their regular Council meetings.

Mr. Lloyd Crowther, President of Local 360, addressed the Council and presented comparative figures on wages paid in this area with wages being paid to city employees. He stated that from March to July, the City of Los Angeles had made a survey and found $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ gain per month in increase in wages. He requested the Council set an early date for a meeting in order to negotiate the question of wages.

Mr. Beight asked that the Council meet with Local 360 to discuss this question peacefully and sign an agreement with the city workers, and advised that in the case of any trouble, the city employees would have the support of the other Unions.

Mr. Hight explained that because of the low rate of pay, members of the Police Department are leaving to seek higher paying positions, and the only solution to this problem is to raise their wages and thereby keep an efficient Police force in Torrance.

Councilman Powell expressed his willingness to meet with any group of citizens and hoped that a meeting could be arranged before his resignation from the Council becomes effective.

Mr. Mack Tarrington, President of the C.I.O. of the General Petroleum Company's Torrance Plant, advised that his Union will support the city employees.

Mayor Sherfey declared a recess of five minutes for discussion of this matter.

At 9:25 p.m. the meeting reconvened.

Mayor Sherfey advised that the request for a meeting had been discussed, and the Council agreed to meet with representatives of the Union, not to exceed five delegates, in the Council Chamber, Monday, September 15, 1947 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. W. A. Mason explained that streets in WALTERIA are in a bad condition and some are unpassable in winter weather. He requested that some curtailed improvement be done before this coming winter. He also requested that the City Engineer report on this matter at the next meeting so that the Council can take action at that time.

A gentleman from WALTERIA requested that fire hydrants be installed in the new tract in WALTERIA.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Fire Chief McMaster be authorized to make an investigation and report to the Council at the next regular meeting.

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

At 9:30 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned to September 15, 1947 at 7:00 p.m.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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