

Torrance, California
September 15, 1947

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Monday, September 15, 1947, at 7:40 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.

Mayor Sherfey announced that, this being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business would be dispensed with, and that the first matter to be brought before the Council would be the awarding of the Contract for Second Phase of Pipe Line Installation for Torrance Municipal Water District No. 2.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read two communications from Mr. Arthur Taylor of the Engineering Offices of Taylor and Taylor, 725 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, submitting his recommendations with regard to the awarding of the Contract to Hood Construction Company on Unit A only, for which their bid was in the lump sum of \$3524.22, the lowest bid submitted. He advised, also, that all bids on Unit B be rejected, along with the other bid from Pacific Pipeline & Engineers, Limited, for Unit A. He stated that Mr. W. H. Stanger, Superintendent for the District, has concurred in his recommendations.

Upon inquiry by Councilman Jackson, City Attorney Willett stated that the Unit B Pipe Line Installation would have extended the District to the North as far as Prairie and 190th Streets, taking in the General Petroleum Corporation's new Public Relations Building and a proposed housing project.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Hood Construction Company, 3332 E. Florence, Huntington Park, be awarded the Contract for Second Phase of Pipe Line Installation for Municipal Water District No. 2 on Unit A only, in the amount of \$3524.22, that all bids on Unit B be rejected, as well as the bid of Pacific Pipeline & Engineers, Limited, on Unit A, and that the latter Company be so notified and their Bidder's Bond in the amount of \$1,146.00 be returned. 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.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from James W. Barker, Secretary of Torrance Lodge No. 785, Loyal Order of Moose, expressing appreciation by the Lion's and Moose Clubs for use of the City Park for an all-day picnic last Labor Day. Matter of record.

A communication, submitting a form of Lease, was read from E. L. Young, Manager Land & Tax Department, Pacific Electric Railway Company, Los Angeles, requesting its execution for renewal of the Lease between the Company and the City of Torrance.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign this lease renewal. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Otto B. Willett, City Attorney, submitting eight copies each of Proposed Ordinance rezoning Tract No. 13901 (Seaside Ranchos) and Proposed Ordinance rezoning a portion of the Meadow Park Tract.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 394

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING ALL OF LOTS 3, 4, 5, 36, 37 AND 38, BLOCK 1, OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 33, MEADOW PARK TRACT, FROM AN R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE TO A C-1 (RETAIL COMMERCIAL) ZONE.

Councilman Gilbert moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 394 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 394 be adopted for first reading. 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 for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 395

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING ALL OF TRACT NO. 13901, FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) ZONE TO AN R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE; EXCEPTING LOT 1, BLOCK 8, TO BE RECLASSIFIED TO A C-1 (RETAIL COMMERCIAL) ZONE; AND LOT 23, BLOCK 4, TO BE RESERVED FOR PARK AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 395 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Ordinance No. 395 be adopted for first reading. 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 read a communication from J. E. McMaster, Chief of the Fire Department, recommending that Mr. Stanger, Water Superintendent be authorized to install three old fire hydrants in the new tract in Walteria for temporary use for fire fighting until such time as more adequate water lines can be installed.

Councilman Powell moved that the recommendations of the Fire Chief be concurred in by the Council. 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 Gilbert moved that the City Attorney be authorized to draw up an amendment to the present Contract between the Torrance Municipal Airport and the City of Torrance, according to the request made previously by Mr. Elvan Tarkington, Manager of the Airport. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Councilman Tolson be authorized to attend the Convention in San Francisco of the League of California Cities to be held September 22, 23, 24, and 25, 1947, expenses - \$100.00 to be paid out of the General Fund. 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 City Attorney Willett be authorized to attend the Convention in San Francisco of the League of California Cities to be held September 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1947, expenses - \$100.00 to be paid from the General Fund. 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 Councilman Gilbert, if it is possible for him to attend, be authorized to attend the Convention in San Francisco of the League of California Cities to be held September 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1947, expenses - \$100.00 to be paid from the General Fund. 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 City Engineer Jain be authorized to attend the Convention at Grand Canyon to be held October 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, 1947, expenses - \$100.00 to be paid from the General Fund. 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 J. H. Stroh be authorized to attend the Peace Officers' Association State Convention in Hoeberg to be held October 6, 7, 8 and 9, 1947, expenses - \$100.00 to be paid from the General Fund. 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 stated that in the recent report on receipts and disbursements for July and August, an income of approximately \$1300 is reported for building, plumbing, electrical permits, etc., as compared to the estimated \$1700.00 income for the entire fiscal year. With this, he stated that, Mr. Webb, Electrical Inspector for the City, is definitely overworked and that he even paid his own son out of his own pocket for helping him with his work during summer school vacation.

Clerk Bartlett stated that he has known Mr. Webb to put in a great deal of his time on his days off in order to keep up with his work.

Mayor Sherfey moved that City Engineer Jain be authorized to hire someone from the Civil Service eligibility list as assistant to Mr. Joe Webb, Electrical Inspector. 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.

Following a discussion on the need for reestablishment of a Building Department, due to the fact that Mr. Patrick, Engineer, is spending most of his time on building inspection, Councilman Jackson moved that Clerk Bartlett be instructed to request from City Engineer Jain a recommendation on the amount of assistance needed in his department to take care of building and other inspections. Mayor Sherfey seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

City Attorney Willett stated that, with regard to the matter of establishing a crossing guard at the intersection of 182nd Street

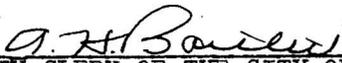
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and Hawthorne Avenue for the protection of school children attending the Perry School which was referred to him at the last regular meeting, he would recommend that the Torrance City School District be requested by the Chief of Police to pay half of the cost for maintaining the guard and that the City pay the other half out of its Traffic Safety Funds. This, he stated, is the only fair way to deal with the situation since the Torrance City School District extends past the intersection into El Nido, while the Torrance City Boundary line cuts directly through the center of the intersection.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the recommendation of the City Attorney be concurred in by the City Council and that the Chief of Police be so notified. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented a letter of farewell to Councilman Powell, whose resignation as a member of the City Council becomes effective at midnight, September 15, 1947. Councilman Powell read the letter aloud, after which he expressed his thanks for the letter.

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


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE