

Torrance, California  
March 9, 1948

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, March 9, 1948, at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Buxton, Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held February 24, 1948, and the Minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held March 2, 1948 be approved as written. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Shell Oil Company submitting report on gross receipts derived from Franchise Ordinance Nos. 116, 121, 174 and 328 and County Ordinance Nos. 1356 and 1502, and enclosing their check for \$659.81. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the State Compensation Insurance Fund advising that the City's insurance cost has been reduced 65% or \$4891.87, the premium earned for that year having been \$7525.95, and enclosing their check for \$2444.08 as premium refund. Matter of record.

An application was submitted by B. W. Dowander for permission to maintain a taxicab street stand at 1613 Cabrillo Avenue, rear entrance, formerly located at 1617 Cabrillo Avenue. Chief Stroh recommended that a permit be granted.

Councilman Tolson moved that B. W. Dowander be granted permission to maintain a taxicab street stand at 1613 Cabrillo Avenue. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Jack Pine advising of his intention to proceed with the improvement of streets in Tract No. 13822, as well as the surrounding streets, by installing curb, gutter and sidewalks on Acacia and Dominguez Streets, and requesting the City Council to provide for the paving of said streets.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the communication be referred to the City Engineer for checking and recommendation to the Council. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from John R. Patrick, Assistant City Engineer, stating that the City Planning Commission approved Final Tract Map No. 13043, submitted by L. J. Shanahan and Son, subject to the posting of the necessary Improvement Bond and engineering corrections.

Councilman Gilbert asked if there is any assurance of water in this tract, and remarked that at a previous meeting the City Engineer was instructed to notify all subdividers that the City Council must be assured of sufficient evidence that water will be supplied before final tract maps are approved.

Administrator Stevens advised that letters regarding water requirements have been sent out to the subdividers, but no replies have as yet been received.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the communication from the Planning Commission approving Final Tract Map No. 13043 be referred to the City Administrator for checking and recommendation to the Council. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from John R. Patrick, Assistant City Engineer, advising that the City Planning Commission approved Final Tract Map No. 13822, submitted by J. H. Pine, subject to the posting of the necessary Improvement Bond and engineering corrections, also subject to the final abandonment of existing streets in the proposed tract, and recommended to the Council for action.

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

A communication was read from Irene M. Hopkins, Secretary, Torrance Library Board, requesting the City Council to add three hours per week at 77¢ per hour to the working week of the WALTERIA Librarian, for the balance of the fiscal year, from March 1, 1948 through June 30, 1948, and that the County Librarian be notified of the Council's action.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request of the Library Board be granted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Wm. H. Stanger, Water Superintendent, advising that the Board of Directors for Torrance Municipal Water District No. 2 approved the purchase of 12,402 feet of cast iron pipe from N. P. Van Valkenburgh Co. at the price set by National Cast Iron Pipe Co. for out of stock materials, the total cost amounting to \$24,656.04. Mr. Stanger explained that this pipe is to be used to relieve the critical situation in a certain part of North Torrance, and requested the Council to approve the action of the Board of Directors.

In connection with this matter, Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to emergency.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1895

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY DEMAND THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OF CERTAIN MATERIALS INCIDENT AND NECESSARY IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS AND MAKING FINDINGS RELATING THERETO.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1895 be adopted. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from George W. Stevens, City Administrator, submitting for the Council's consideration and approval the following recommendations:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Mr. J. W. Loughridge be employed as Playground Attendant in the Recreation Department, effective March 16, 1948, at a compensation of \$211.00 per month.

APPROPRIATIONS:

That authorization of funds for the following expenditures be granted.

1. For the improvement of Western Avenue between Torrance Blvd. and Highway 101, the sum of \$5,000.00 from County Gas Tax Funds. This amount to be the City's contribution towards the project which is to cost approximately \$450,000.00.
2. For the purchase of a 1948 Plymouth Deluxe 4-door Sedan for the Police Department, the sum of \$888.31, plus turn-in of damaged 1946 Plymouth Sedan.
3. For the purchase of Photo Englarger and repair of Dark Room for Police Department, the sum of \$130.25, plus tax.
4. For the repair of Crash Truck, the sum of \$150.00 from Airport Funds.
5. For payment to the Chamber of Commerce for Advertising and Promotion activities, the sum of \$156.49, from Advertising and Promotion Funds.
6. For the purchase of 5,000 commutation books for the Bus Department, the sum of \$145.55, plus tax, from Bus Department Funds.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the "Quitclaim Deed", submitted by the W.A.A. for the Torrance Municipal Airport be referred to the City Attorney for study and recommendation.
2. That the proposed stipulations and draft of judgment with respect to the interests of the City of Torrance within the area condemned and taken by the Navy for the Vernon Storage Department, submitted by the Department of Justice, be referred to the City Attorney for study and recommendations.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Council concur in the recommendations of City Administrator Stevens. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 401

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316,  
RECLASSIFYING ALL OF LOTS 32 AND 33,  
AND PORTIONS OF LOTS 1, 60 AND 61, OF  
TRACT NO. 639, FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT  
AGRICULTURAL) DISTRICT TO A C-1 (RE-  
TAIL COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT.

Councilman Gilbert moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 401 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 401 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 420

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316,  
RECLASSIFYING ALL OF TRACT NO. 14016  
FROM A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) TO R-1  
(SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), EXCEPTING  
LOT 9, BLOCK 1, SAID TRACT NO. 14016,  
TO BE REZONED C-1 (RETAIL COMMERCIAL).

Councilman Gilbert moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 402 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that Ordinance No. 402 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson suggested that like ordinances be more specific as to the exact location of the proposed changes, as well as naming the builder or subdivider. City Administrator Stevens advised that the suggestion would be carried out.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Mann of North Torrance asked for what use is the pipe which she saw at 166th and Western Avenue.

Councilman Tolson replied that the pipe might be for the new subdivision at 166th Street, and suggested that she contact Mr. Stanger for further information.

City Administrator Stevens requested the City Council to approve the changes recommended by the Civil Service Board in the Position Classification Plan, as prepared by the California State Personnel Board, and that he be instructed to prepare the new classifications in accordance with the Board's recommendations.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Council authorize City Administrator Stevens to prepare the new classifications. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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Mrs. Gonner of North Torrance asked that two posts with loose wires, which are creating a hazard, located on Prairie Avenue be removed.

City Administrator Stevens advised that an investigation has been made of this hazard and the Street Department has been instructed to remove the posts and loose wires.

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

At 8:37 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Gilbert, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE