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Torrance, California
April 20, 1948

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 Ad-
journed Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance,
California, on Tuesday, April 20, 1948, at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being
Councilmen: Buxton, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent: Coun-
cilmen: Gilbert.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

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

Councilman Jackson moved that the Minutes of an Adjourned
Regular Meeting held April 14, 1948, and the Minutes of an Ad-
journed Regular Meeting held April 15, 1948 be approved as written.
Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Mayor Sherfey announced the purpose of the meeting, being to canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election held April 13, 1948 and to install the newly elected officers and members of the Torrance Board of Education.

Clerk Bartlett advised that the first order of business is to canvass the returns of the April 13, 1948 General Municipal Election, whereupon he proceeded to open sealed envelope containing tally list of the El Nido School District, which voted only on Members of the Board of Education; he then proceeded to open the sealed envelopes containing tally lists beginning with the sealed envelope for Precinct No. 1, and proceeding until seventeen sealed envelopes (one for each precinct) had been opened, and presented tally lists to the City Council who canvassed same.

At this time Mayor Sherfey declared a recess pending the arrival of the elected members of the Torrance Board of Education to be sworn into office.

At 8:12 p.m., Councilman Gilbert took his seat at the Council Table.

At 8:12 p.m. the members of the Torrance Board of Education arrived in the Council Chamber, at which time the meeting reconvened.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read portions of, and particularly the portion wherein was listed the names of candidates voted for and number of votes received by each, and number of votes cast for and against the measures and Charter Amendments:

RESOLUTION NO. 1899

RESOLUTION DECLARING RESULTS OF GENERAL
MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF
TORRANCE APRIL 13, 1948.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1899 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett announced that the Board of Education was holding its regular meeting tonight but had adjourned temporarily in order that the newly elected members could be sworn into office; he then administered the oath of office to George P. Thatcher, Grace Wright and Carl D. Steele, and presented each of them with a certificate of election to the office of Member of the Torrance Board of Education.

Clerk Bartlett administered the oath of office to George C. Powell, Bob L. Haggard and Nickolas O. Draie, and presented each of them with a certificate of election to the office of City Councilman.

At this time the retiring Councilmen, Mr. Wm. H. Tolson, Mr. Charles M. Gilbert and Mr. Bronson C. Buxton, after surrendering badges and keys belonging to the City of Torrance, stepped down from the Council platform and Councilmen Powell, Haggard and Draie took their respective places at the Council table. During the exchange of positions, the retiring and remaining Councilmen congratulated and welcomed the newly elected officers.

Clerk Bartlett then called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Draie, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Mayor Sherfey announced that, as is customary at this point, nominations are in order for a Mayor, and requested Clerk Bartlett to take the Chair.

Councilman Drale moved that J. Hugh Sherfey, Jr. be nominated for the office of Mayor of the City of Torrance for the ensuing two years. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

There being no further business, Mayor Sherfey asked if anyone desired to make a statement at this time.

Councilman Drale thanked all those who worked so strenuously on his behalf in the recent campaign and stated that it is his desire to cooperate with all individuals and organizations in an effort to maintain harmony on all matters pertaining to good government.

Councilman Haggard thanked the voters for electing him to the office of Councilman, and explained that his "no" vote on the nomination of Mayor is not an indication that he will not endeavor to work with the Council as a whole as well as the Mayor, but refrained from making further comment on his negative vote.

Councilman Powell expressed his appreciation to the voters who were responsible for him receiving such a large number of votes, and voiced his hope that the Councilmen who have been elected will be the type of leaders who, by their loyal service to the people of Torrance, will merit the confidence which has been placed in them.

Councilman Jackson said that complete harmony existed in the Council during the past two years and he had deemed it a privilege to be able to serve on the Council. He explained that, although, the City has been going through difficult times, the City's financial condition is well under control and, as a member of the Finance Committee, he can state that the City's income today slightly exceeds the outgo, which is an indication that it is on a good financial basis. He was confident that complete harmony will continue to exist among the five members of the Council, and that the interests of the people of Torrance will be well served.

Mayor Sherfey said that the statements made by Councilman Jackson and the other Councilmen also expressed his own views. He felt assured that the gentlemen who have been elected to the office of Councilmen will cooperate in their efforts to make a better City of Torrance, and that he will continue to serve the people to the best of his ability.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Former Councilman Gilbert thanked the voters for voting, not particularly for him, but for the fine group of men which they elected, and expressed his appreciation for being privileged to serve on the City Council for the past four years.

Former Councilman Tolson was gratified at the outcome of the election even though he was not a successful candidate, and signified his willingness to work with and render any assistance possible to the new council.

Former Councilman Buxton expressed his appreciation to the voters who supported him and stated that he thought he would take a much needed vacation.

Mayor Sherfey called on Mr. Nielson of North Torrance who stated that he was well pleased with the result of the election.

Mrs. Gonner, on behalf of North Torrance, expressed their appreciation for having a representative from that area on the Council.

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Mrs. Loughridge remarked that the people of WALTERIA were fortunate to have such a fine man as Mr. Powell represent them on the Council, and thanked all those who supported him in the recent campaign.

At 8:30 p.m., Mayor Sherfey declared the meeting adjourned.



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE