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Upon notice duly given, the members of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority met at a regular meeting at the Authority Board Room, 1060 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15, California, at 3:30 p.m. on October 6, 1959, at which time the Chairman called the meeting to order.

Chairman Carl P. Miller, Members Don Belding, Hayden F. Jones, Russell A. Quisenberry and Arthur J. Will were present. Members Fred S. Dean and A. J. Eyraud were absent. Also present were Executive Director C. M. Gilliss; General Attorney Gerald G. Kelly; General Manager Cone T. Bass; Treasurer Wm. W. Wakelee; Director of Business Development and Information James H. Raport; Edwin T. Bowler, Administrative Assistant; Ernest R. Gerlach of Coverdale & Colpitts, Consulting Engineers; R. O. Christiansen and Guy G. Gifford of the Business Development and Information Division; Secretary Virginia L. Rees; representatives of the press; and the public.

The Minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 1959 were approved.

Development and Information Division Report

Mr. Report presented the report of the Business Development and Information Division. A copy of said report is on file in the office of the Secretary.

Report of Treasurer

Mr. Wakelee presented the Treasurer's report for August, 1959. A copy of said report is on file in the office of the Secretary.

Approval of Work Orders

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

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Authority a Deed of Exchange between The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and the Authority of private right-of-way between the roadways of Gage Avenue, between McKinley and Central Avenues, said deed having been approved as to form by the General Attorney;

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that the relocation of tracks and electrical facilities in Gage Avenue private right-of-way between McKinley and Central Avenues be and the same is hereby approved, the cost of this project to be borne by the City of Los Angeles.

Agreement with Provident Life and Accident Insurance Co.

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be and he is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Authority an agreement with the Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company covering certain employee dependents' health and accident insurance, which is paid for by the employees and without cost to the Authority, said agreement having been approved as to form by the General Attorney.

Temporary Special Services

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the temporary special services operated on September 18, 21 and 25, 1959, as discussed at this meeting and as described in a report filed with the Secretary, be and the same are hereby ratified and approved.

Changes of Bus Stops

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the General Manager relating to bus stop changes as discussed at this meeting and as filed with the Secretary, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved.

Los Angeles-Watts Rail Line: Conversion to Motor Coaches

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be and he is hereby authorized to proceed with preliminary work in connection with the proposed replacement of motor coaches for rail operation on the Los Angeles-Watts Rail Line;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all interested parties be invited to the public hearing to be held on the proposed change on October 20, 1959, in the Authority meeting room.

Disposal of Restroom Facility

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to dispose of restroom facility located at 607 South Santa Fe Avenue to Mr. B. Earl Miller of Inlandstreet Butcher Company for the sum of \$20,000.

Supplemental Agreement with P.E.R. - Parking Lot in Redondo Beach

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be and he is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Authority a Supplemental Agreement between the Authority and Pacific Electric Railway Company, modifying Lease No. 14017 by increasing the rental due from the Authority to Pacific Electric Railway Company from \$116.67 per month to \$250.00 per month, said Supplemental Agreement to be subject to approval as to form by the General Attorney.

Report of Purchasing Committee

After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of Purchasing Committee of Authorizations for the period September 15, 1959 through October 5, 1959, as discussed at this meeting and as filed with the Secretary, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved and the appropriate payments are hereby authorized.

Addition to Agenda - Approval of Work Orders

Upon approval of the five Board members present, consideration of certain Work Orders was added to the agenda, and after discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that Work Order No. 1229, covering change of overhead facilities on Long Beach private right-of-way south of Artesia Street, consisting of setting of 2 poles, 2 sidewalk anchors and 1 anchor, and removal of 2 poles and transfer of facilities,

at an estimated cost of \$1,165, be and the same is hereby approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Work Order No. 1231, covering salvage or scrap of 1946 International Skip Loader, numbered 19, and 1947 3/4 Ton GMC Pick-up Truck, numbered 159, be and the same is hereby approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Work Order No. 1232, covering retirement and sale of two 1940, Model PDA 3701, Yellow Diesel Coaches, numbered 1690 and 1691, be and the same is hereby approved.

Agreement with United Air Lines - Air Credit Card

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be and he is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Authority a Universal Air Travel Plan Contract between the Authority and United Air Lines, Inc., which contract has been approved as to form by the General Attorney, and that the Controller be and he is hereby authorized to make the initial deposit of \$425.00 required under the contract.

Miss Universe Pageant - Write-off of Bill

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Miss Universe Pageant organization is a non-profit organization in Long Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Authority permitted the Miss Universe Pageant corporation to hang banners publicizing the Pageant on the Authority's span wires in Long Beach; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Authority to

charge the Miss Universe Pageant for only the inspection fee of \$5.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bill in the amount of \$48 against Miss Universe Pageant for hanging of banners publicizing such event on the Authority's span wires in Long Beach be and the same is hereby written-off;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Miss Universe Pageant be charged the inspection fee of \$5.00.

Report of Engineering Committee

The Executive Director reported that the details of the contract with Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall were still under consideration but that Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall had already commenced work on the engineering study.

Salary Adjustments - Non-contract Employees

The Executive Director reported that he was in receipt of a letter dated September 29, 1959 from the California State Personnel Board, entitled "First Report on Classification and Salary Survey for Non-Contract Staff," a copy of which letter has been filed with the Secretary. On the basis of this report, the Executive Director requested salary adjustments for 34 employees. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the salary adjustments as discussed at this meeting and as filed with the Secretary affecting 34 non-contract employees and representing a total increase of \$1,190.00 per month be and the same are hereby approved effective October 1, 1959.

Annual Budget

The Executive Director presented to the Authority the Authority's tentative budget for the calendar year 1960. As required by Section 1010 of the Trust Indenture, this budget was filed with the Secretary of the Authority, the Trustee, and the Consulting Engineer on October 1, 1959.

Long Beach Rail Service

The Executive Director reported that studies were being made by the Authority Staff and the Consulting Engineer considering the feasibility of converting the Long Beach Rail Line to motor coach service and that a report would be submitted to the Authority in the near future.

Meetings with San Francisco Transit District and State Chamber of Commerce

The Executive Director reported that the proposed joint meeting of the Authority and the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District would be held sometime during November. Mr. Gilliss also reported he had talked to James Mussatti, General Manager of the California State Chamber of Commerce, relative to a state-wide conference on Authority problems to be held in the Spring of 1960.

Resolution of City Planning Commission

The Executive Director reported receipt of a letter from the City Planning Department indicating a resolution was adopted on August 27, 1959 by the City Planning Commission requesting the Division of Highways and other responsible public agencies to take the steps necessary to provide for mass transport rights-of-way in new freeways wherever possible. Mr. Gilliss pointed out that this was indicative of the growing recognition of transit problems in Los Angeles and elsewhere in the State.

Addition to Agenda - Cancellation of Membership in
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Upon approval of the five Board members present, consideration of cancellation of membership in the United States Chamber of Commerce was added to the agenda. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Authority on September 2, 1958 authorized membership in the United States Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Authority now finds that such membership is not justified at the present time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority's membership in the United States Chamber of Commerce be and the same is hereby terminated.

Legislative Matters

The Executive Director reported that the California Assembly had appointed an Interim Sub-Committee under the Public Utilities Committee to study transit problems. The members of the Committee are:

Rex M. Cunningham, Chairman
Frank Luckel, Vice Chairman
Lee M. Backstrand
Clayton A. Dills
James L. Holmes
Paul J. Lunardi
Chas. H. Wilson

Mr. Gilliss reported that the sub-committee will hold its first hearings sometime after the first of the year.

The Executive Director also reported he would be going to San Francisco the week of October 12th to an organizational meeting of the Assembly Transportation Committee.

Monorail Proposal

The Executive Director reported that Mr. Lupo had been invited to submit all of the information on his system to Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall but that to date no information had been received by the engineering firm.

Passes

The Executive Director reported that the attorneys for the unions and the General Attorney were working on the problem of passes for employees and employees' dependents.

