

Torrance, California
June 27, 1940

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 Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Thursday afternoon, June 27, 1940 at 4:35 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilman: Babcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. Absent: Councilman: Hitchcock.

Councilman Murray moved that a recess of ten minutes be declared to await the arrival of Councilman Hitchcock. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock arrived at 4:46 P.M. and the meeting reconvened.

Clerk Bartlett read a statement from Attorney McCall, in which he requested that the Council adjourn to July 2, 1940, as he had been unable to contact Mr. Warren of the Los Angeles County Sanitation District regarding a contract covering the Vista Highlands Sewer Project now in progress in the City of Torrance. Mr. McCall also stated he had talked with Mr. Campbell of the Asbury Transportation Company, who had inquired whether the Council had met, or anticipated meeting, with the Gardena City Council regarding the transportation matter. He added that Mr. Asbury had requested a further extension of time from the Railroad Commission before arriving at a final decision on the transportation matter.

A communication was read from Mrs. Auguste R. Barnett, extending thanks on behalf of the Torrance Chapter #44 of Women of the Moose for cooperation received from the City at the Americanism Parade held June 21, 1940.

A communication was read from the Acquisition and Improvement District No. 28 (Alondra Park) Tax Payers' Association, urging that as many as possible attend the meeting to be held in the Assembly Room of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, Hall of Records, Los Angeles, July 1, 1940 at 9:00 A.M. to insure passage of the Resolution calling for an appropriation of 50% of outstanding indebtedness against the Alondra Park district. The communication was signed by Pat MacDonnell, Secretary.

Mayor McGuire said he thought the North Torrance residents should be contacted regarding this matter. Clerk Bartlett was instructed to notify Mrs. Gonner of North Torrance that the communication had been received. Councilman Powell added that, although he personally could not attend the meeting, he felt that members of the Council who can possibly attend should do so. Councilmen Murray and Babcock said they could attend. Mayor McGuire and Councilman Hitchcock stated they would attend the meeting if possible to do so.

A communication was read from the Southwest District Highways Association, inviting the City Council, Mayor, City Engineer, Chief of Police and their respective wives to attend a meeting of the Association June 27, 1940 at Kelley's Cafe, Manhattan Beach at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor McGuire stated he had made arrangements to attend the meeting.

A communication was read from the Torrance High School Alumni, requesting free use of the Torrance Civic Auditorium July 9, 1940 for a Red Cross Benefit card party.

Councilman Hitchcock moved the request be granted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$75.00, plus tax, be made for a 4-way valve to replace one broken for the Fire Department. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$60.00, plus tax, be made for 4 5 gallon pump cans to replace 4 worn out for the Fire Department. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Babcock read the following:

"A motion is hereby submitted in an adjourned meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance this 27th day of June, 1940, that the City Clerk is hereby instructed to enter into a contract with Mr. Logan R. Cotton, Public Accountant and Auditor specializing in Governmental Audits, for the purpose of Auditing the accounts and records of the City of Torrance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1940 and ending June 30, 1941.

An Audit is to be made quarterly of all departments and a report covering same submitted to the City Council of the City of Torrance for their approval. Compensation for said services to be rendered by Mr. Cotton to be not more than the amount previously paid for the past fiscal year of 1939-40. The maximum to be paid for the General Audit to be not in excess of \$600.00 for the above mentioned period.

Reference made to the Section 874 of Act 5233 of Deering's General Laws governing procedure incorporated within a Municipal Corporations Act referring to 6th class cities as authorized for the establishment of this procedure relative to entering into contracts for personal service in excess of \$500.00".

Councilman Powell seconded the motion.

Clerk Bartlett stated he had talked with Mr. Cotton this morning, who had said he would call at the City Hall Monday, July 1, 1940 and check over the city books and that he would present a letter at that time.

Mayor McGuire asked whether Mr. Cotton had been consulted as to the fee expected. Councilman Babcock said he had talked with Mr. Cotton this morning and Mr. Cotton had approved this, indicating the statement read by him.

Mayor McGuire suggested that it might be advisable for Mr. Cotton to talk to the entire Council before taking any action. Councilmen Babcock and Murray expressed confidence in Mr. Cotton's qualifications for the position.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion made by Councilman Babcock and seconded by Councilman Powell that the auditing firm of Logan R. Cotton be awarded the contract to audit the City books for the fiscal year 1940-41, the vote being as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. H. A. Young in the audience presented a photograph of his house saying that since the grade had been changed on the property, water stands around his house. He asked that he be given enough dirt to remedy the situation.

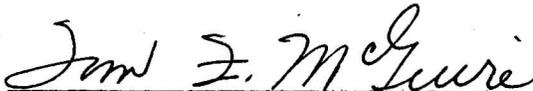
Engineer Young advised that if Mr. Young will call at his office the matter can be satisfactorily adjusted.

At 5:06 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Powell, the meeting adjourned to July 2, 1940 at 4:30 P.M.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:



Mayor of the City of Torrance