

Torrance, California
December 26, 1940

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 evening, December 26, 1940 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held December 10, 1940 be approved as written. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Alphonso Curtis, 1588 East Vernon Avenue, Los Angeles, requesting permission to establish a shoe shine parlor in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be referred to the City Engineer for approval. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the University of Southern California, requesting the Council to express an opinion regarding the program development of the 1941 Institute of Government to be held June 9 to 13, 1941. It was advised that program committees will begin their meetings January 2, 1941.

Councilman Hitchcock suggested that this matter be deferred until the next meeting.

A communication was read from Dr. Milford A. Bauman, requesting that a parking zone be placed in front of his office at 1425 Marcelina Avenue.

Councilman Murray moved that the request be referred to the Police Department for recommendation. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion.

Councilman Powell remarked that, although he does not object to Councilman Murray's motion, he feels the request, being reasonable, should be granted, at this time.

Councilman Murray and Councilman Babcock withdrew their motion and second.

Councilman Murray moved that the request of Dr. Milford A. Bauman for a parking zone in front of his office at 1425 Marcelina Avenue be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communications were read from the County of Los Angeles Delinquent Tax Lands Committee and the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors pertaining to sales of tax-deeded lands to municipalities or districts under Section 3897d of the Political Code. A recommendation as to new basis for determining quick-sale values of tax-deeded lands was submitted.

Clerk Bartlett stated that he did not believe the Council would necessarily have to adopt the method of determining quick-sale values as outlined if same is not desired.

Councilman Hitchcock said his understanding of the procedure is for the Council to approve or disapprove values set by the Associated Assessment Engineers.

A communication was read from the California State Relief Administration, cancelling Service Contract No. 34 (Torrance Community Garden Plot), effective December 16, 1940. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Mrs. P. B. Clayton, 1352 Engracia Avenue, requesting that fog light and/or white lines be placed at the Arlington Avenue and Engracia Avenue intersection to eliminate the traffic hazard, said hazard being particularly apparent during heavy fogs.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the Police Department for recommendation. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett reported receipt of \$287.91, Franchise Earnings, from General Petroleum Corporation during the period November 1, 1939 to October 31, 1940. Matter of Record.

A communication was read from the Star Brick and Tile Company, 17799 South Western Avenue, Moneta, requesting permission to operate a dump on said Company's property between 174th and 178th Street in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Powell moved that the matter be deferred for investigation before action is taken. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J. H. Stroh, Police Chief, recommending that motor vehicles be parked parallel to the curb on the North side of Cravens Avenue from Cabrillo Avenue westerly to Torrance Boulevard. The recommendation was also submitted that white traffic lines be placed at the intersection of Arlington, Eldorado and Engracia Avenues for a distance of 100 feet on each street from the intersection.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1416

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE PERMITTING PARALLEL PARKING ON
THE NORTH SIDE OF CRAVENS AVENUE FROM
CABRILLO AVENUE WEST TO TORRANCE BOULEVARD.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1416 be adopted. Councilman Babcock 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1417

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MASTER PLAN OF HIGH-
WAYS FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1417 be adopted. Councilman Babcock 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.

Acting City Engineer Jain reported that an inquiry had been received regarding the requirements of the City of Torrance in connection with subdivisions. He said the persons inquiring had in mind the subdivision of the area around Torrance Boulevard and Amie Street.

After a short discussion at which time it was agreed that some plan should be formulated, Councilman Powell moved that the matter be referred to the Planning Commission for study and report. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Jain was asked to formulate a plan for presentation at the next meeting.

Attorney John E. McCall thanked the Council for granting him leave of absence to attend the Municipal Law Officers meeting in Washington, D. C. He stated that he had been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Councilman Murray moved that the letter submitted by John H. Stroh, offering his resignation as Chief of Police of the City of Torrance, which letter was ordered filed upon motion of Councilman Murray at a Regular Meeting held June 11, 1940, be removed from the files of the City Clerk and marked "Not Accepted" as of this date, same to be returned to Chief J. H. Stroh for his files. Councilman Powell 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 Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$100.00 be made to defray a portion of the expenses of City Attorney John E. McCall for attendance at the Municipal Law Officers' Meeting held at Washington, D. C. Councilman Babcock 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.

City Attorney McCall thanked the Council for this action.

Mayor McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$139.05 be made for 3 manhole covers and rings for the Water Department, to be paid from the Bond Fund. 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.

Clerk Bartlett reported he had discussed the matter of the proposed legislation to allow keeping of supply of narcotics for emergency use in hospitals with Dr. Beeman, Dr. Leake and Dr. Laughon, who had all expressed favor of such legislation. Clerk Bartlett stated he had also discussed the matter with Miss Maxwell, Superintendent of the Torrance Hospital, and that she objects very strenuously to the proposed legislation. He said Miss Maxwell advised she had attended a recent meeting in Fresno, that members of the Narcotic Board were there and were very much against such legislation.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chief of Police Stroh thanked the Council for the action taken in connection with his letter of resignation.

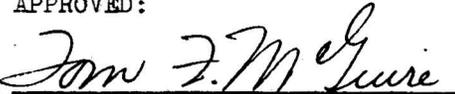
Councilman Hitchcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire announced that this meeting is a postponed meeting which was scheduled for December 24, 1940, which meeting was not held due to declaration of a half holiday by the Governor of the State of California.

At 8:19 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Murray, the meeting adjourned.


 City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


 Mayor of the City of Torrance