

Torrance, California
July 31, 1941

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Special Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Wednesday, July 31, 1941 at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

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

Mayor McGuire read the call of the meeting, being "for the purpose of authorizing the City Engineer to advertise for bids for drilling a water well."

After short discussion, Clerk Bartlett was instructed to substitute the word "Clerk" for "Engineer" and add the words "and for the erection of a tank" to the Consent to Special Meeting form, the call of the meeting then reading "for the purpose of authorizing the City Clerk to advertise for bids for drilling a water well and for the erection of a tank."

Councilman Murray moved that the plans or specifications prepared by City Engineer Jain for drilling a water well in North Torrance be approved. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman Babcock moved that the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for the drilling of a water well in North Torrance on land deeded to the City by the Crown Water Company. Councilman Murray seconded the motion.

Councilman Hitchcock questioned the advisability of accepting the deed to the property, on the grounds that the City could possibly be required to take over the complete operation of the water system in the event residents in the area find that the undertaking is not profitable. He pointed out that, as long as the property does not belong to the City of Torrance, the residents are merely purchasing the well and equipment from the City at a certain amount each month.

Attorney McCall pointed out that the City must drill the well and erect the tank before it can be sold to the residents. He said that the City can discontinue operation of the system at any time, in the event the situation mentioned by Councilman Hitchcock should arise in the future.

Engineer Jain questioned whether or not the City has the authority to drill on the property unless the deed is accepted by the City.

Attorney McCall advised that, if the City does not accept the deed, and does drill the well, the City has no legal jurisdiction in the matter.

Councilman Hitchcock asked Attorney McCall if he would advise acceptance of the deed by the City and recording same in the name of the City of Torrance. Attorney McCall replied "I certainly do." Councilman Hitchcock expressed reluctance for the City to accept the deed, but said action in the matter should be governed by Attorney McCall's advice.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Murray, to instruct the City Clerk to advertise for bids for the drilling of a water well in North Torrance on land deeded to the City by the Crown Water Company, the vote being as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for the erection of a water storage tank on land deeded to the City of Torrance by the Crown Water Company. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1485

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING DEED FROM CROWN WATER
COMPANY AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Murray moved that Resolution No. 1485 be adopted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

At 5:16 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance