

Torrance, California
August 13, 1941

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 Wednesday, August 13, 1941 at 4:50 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

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

Councilman Babcock moved that a recess be declared for discussion of bids received for (1) Drilling and developing one plain water well and (2) Construction and erection of one elevated water tank on City property deeded by the Crown Water Company. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 5:00 P.M., the meeting reconvened.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the bid of M. R. Peck, 16800 South Main Street, Gardena, California, for drilling and developing one plain water well on property deeded to the City of Torrance by the Crown Water Company be accepted and that all other bids be rejected and deposits returned. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bids received for the construction and erection of one elevated water tank on property deeded to the City of Torrance by the Crown Water Company be rejected and deposits returned. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the construction and erection of one elevated water tank on property deeded to the City of Torrance by the Crown Water Company be done by force account, not to exceed \$790.00. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Chief of Police, John H. Stroh, regarding the application of Clarence A. Pinkham, 1007 Portola Avenue, read at the Regular Meeting of August 12, 1941 in which Mr. Pinkham requested permit to operate a pool hall at 1650 Cabrillo Avenue. Chief Stroh, who was in the spectator section of the Council Chamber, advised that he has no objection to granting the permit, provided Mr. Pinkham will conduct a pool hall only.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of Mr. Clarence Pinkham to operate a pool hall at 1650 Cabrillo Avenue be granted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Regarding the matter of uniforms for City of Torrance bus drivers, Mayor McGuire suggested that the matter be discussed with Attorney McCall before taking action.

Mr. Jain brought up the matter of a two-way radio for the Police Department. After a short discussion, Engineer Jain and Chief Stroh were instructed to draw up specifications for the radio.

In connection with Attorney McCall's opinion that it will not be necessary to advertise for bids for the two-way radio, Councilman Babcock suggested that the Attorney be requested to submit a written opinion in the matter.

Mr. Stanger, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, suggested that the Health Department be contacted before drilling of the well in North Torrance on property deeded to the City of Torrance by the Crown Water Company. Mr. Jain was instructed to contact the Health Department regarding the matter.

Engineer Jain advised that Mr. Spencer of the Pacific Electric Railway Company had called him regarding the Cabrillo Avenue right of way matter.

Mayor McGuire asked Clerk Bartlett whether or not the City of Torrance has clear title to the Cabrillo Avenue right of way, the answer being in the affirmative.

Engineer Jain advised that the Torrance Boulevard project has been approved by Washington, D. C.; that the engineers had investigated the matter thoroughly.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Fire Chief John E. McMaster be authorized to attend the Fire Chiefs' Convention in Reno, Nevada September 8, 9, 10, 1941, expenses paid. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 5:20 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned to August 19, 1941 at 4:45 P.M.

A. J. Babcock
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

Law J. McGuire
Mayor of the City of Torrance