

Torrance, California
August 20, 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 Ad-
journed Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance,
California, on Wednesday, August 20, 1941 at 7:45 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.

Being an Adjourned Meeting, the regular order of business was
dispensed with.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 330

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
FIXING THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1941.

Councilman Babcock moved that Ordinance No. 330 be adopted
for final reading as an emergency ordinance. Councilman Hitchcock
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 Babcock suggested that adoption of the tentative
budget for the fiscal year 1941-42 be delayed until the Regular
Meeting of August 26, 1941.

Mayor McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed
\$50.00 be made for four flush tank services for the Water Depart-
ment. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried
by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock,
Hitchcock, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCIL-
MEN: None.

Attorney McCall read a communication from the City of Los
Angeles Board of Public Utilities and Transportation regarding
application of the City of Torrance for Permit Authorizing Operation
of Municipally-owned Bus Line in Los Angeles, advising that the City
Council will be granted a hearing before the Board with reference
to the objections of the City of Torrance, (per communication of
August 12, 1941 from J. E. McCall, City Attorney, addressed to the
Board of Public Utilities and Transportation) to the opinion and
order of the Board tentatively adopted August 5, 1941 with re-
ference to the above entitled matter.

Attorney McCall explained the contents of the opinion and order
of the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation, tentatively
adopted August 5, 1941. He said that the opinion and order attempts
to restrict the City of Torrance from picking up passengers North of
Manchester and Hoover Streets for discharge between that point and
945 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, and from picking up passengers
at 945 South Hill Street for discharge between that point and
Manchester and Hoover Streets, Los Angeles.

Councilman Babcock asked what effect the clause contained in the
order regarding future extension of the Figueroa Street bus lines
south of Manchester Street will have on the City of Torrance.

Attorney McCall advised that the inference of the clause is that, if and when the Figueroa Street bus line is extended south of Manchester Street, the City of Torrance Municipal Bus Lines might be further restricted. However, he added, the clause has no bearing whatsoever on the matter, inasmuch as the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation has no jurisdiction over the City of Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

Attorney McCall suggested that an attempt be made to reach a compromise settlement whereby the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation will issue the City of Torrance Municipal Bus Lines a permit to pick up passengers to 69th and Hoover Streets, but, he pointed out, requesting such permit is not conceding that a permit is required, but only for the purpose of reaching an agreement.

Councilman Hitchcock said he felt Attorney McCall's suggestion is very good, and that the City of Torrance Bus Lines will not necessarily be compelled to pick up passengers to 69th Street even if the permit is granted. He said the business North of Manchester Street is not so great, and that it might be more profitable to speed up the service to accommodate local passengers. Mayor McGuire said the drivers of the busses would prefer not to pick up passengers beyond 69th Street, it being necessary to enter the right hand lane of traffic when approaching an intersection where passengers are waiting, thereby slowing up the service.

Attorney McCall pointed out also that, if the City of Torrance Municipal Bus Lines is allowed to pick up passengers to 69th Street in Los Angeles, instead of being restricted from picking up passengers in the area north of Manchester Street, a better offer can be made to a private transportation company who might desire to take over the City of Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

Councilman Babcock again brought up the subject of the clause in the order regarding future extension of the Figueroa Street bus line south of Manchester Street, and asked that the clause be deleted from the permit if and when it is granted, if possible. Councilman Hitchcock agreed on this point.

Councilman Babcock moved that City Attorney John E. McCall be authorized to represent the City of Torrance at a hearing with the City of Los Angeles Board of Public Utilities and Transportation Friday, August 22, 1941 at 10:00 A.M. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney McCall read a communication from the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers, Washington, D. C., signed by Charles S. Rhyne, Executive Director, enclosing copy of a release from the Division of Priorities, Office of Production Management, entitled "Notice Concerning Maintenance and Repairs Rating Plan" and suggesting that the enclosed form, No. PD-67, be filled in to obtain for the City of Torrance a Repairs Rating Order Number.

Councilman Hitchcock said he thought Engineer Jain had already mailed in Form No. PD-67 to obtain a Repairs Rating Order Number for the City, having been advised that this would be necessary before the well in North Torrance can be drilled.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1490

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS RATING ORDER.

Councilman Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1490 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

It was suggested that Engineer Jain be contacted regarding this matter.

At 8:13 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Babcock, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Bunker
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

Tom F. McGuire
Mayor of the City of Torrance