

Torrance, California
September 23, 1941

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, September 23, 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, Kail, Powell and McGuire. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All persons present in the Council Chamber, Saluted the Flag!

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held September 11, 1941 be approved as written. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Ben D. Griffith, Pastor, Torrance Foursquare Church, requesting removal of five eucalyptus trees from the property located at the Southwest corner of the intersection of Border and El Prado Streets, said property to be used as a Church property.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be referred to the Street Department and City Engineer for recommendation at the next meeting. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Planning Commission, advising that at a meeting of the Commission held September 8, 1941, the Commission voted to recommend to the Council that the Kern Oil Company Limited replace its overhead tank of 22-thousand gallons capacity with two 10-thousand gallon tanks underground; a bulk plant located at Newton Street and Hawthorne Boulevard.

Councilman Hitchcock said he was of the impression that the Council had authorized this work at the last meeting.

A communication was read from the San Pedro News-Pilot, signed by Edsel Newton, Marine Editor, asking the City of Torrance to subscribe to a substantial amount of advertising space in the San Pedro News-Pilot edition of October 6, 1941, being the California Shipbuilding Industry edition.

A communication was read from the Press-Telegram, Long Beach, signed by K. P. Frederick, Suburban Editor, asking the City of Torrance to run an advertisement in the Press-Telegram Annual Edition of October 16, 1941. A rough copy for a quarter page ad, to run in a special section devoted to communities adjacent to Long Beach, at a cost of \$140.00, was submitted.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communications from the San Pedro News-Pilot and from the Long Beach Press-Telegram be referred to the City Council as a whole for consideration. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication, signed by R. Rogers, L. Rogers, Mrs. Doris L. Coulson, F. M. Krekow, M. E. Krekow, Charles T. Rippy and Ruth A. Rippy, was read, requesting that a no parking zone be established

on the north side and across from the school on Carson Street and El Prado Street. It was stated that, since the opening of the school semester, it is impossible for residents in the vicinity to find parking space for their automobiles.

Mayor McGuire pointed out, however, that to establish a no parking zone would bar everyone from parking there, including the residents, which Attorney McCall substantiated.

Councilman Powell said some arrangement should be made whereby the residents could have access to the street for parking purposes. He mentioned that a parking area is available for students, which area is located at the rear of the High School building. He said if a time limit were established, the students would be discouraged from parking their automobiles all day on the street.

Councilman Powell moved that the communication be referred to the Police Committee for recommendation at the next meeting. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mrs. Bernice Leffelman, 322 N.E. Hassalo, Portland, Oregon, urging that steps be taken toward improving Cabrillo Avenue. She requested an answer regarding what improvements, if any, are anticipated.

Councilman Babcock moved that the matter be referred to the City Engineer. No second.

Engineer Jain was asked whether or not he had heard from the Interstate Commerce Commission regarding this matter, the answer being in the negative. Mayor McGuire instructed him to direct a communication to said Commission inquiring what has been done toward abandoning the Line, it being necessary for the Interstate Commerce Commission to abandon the Line before the City of Torrance can proceed with removing the tracks.

Clerk Bartlett was instructed to answer Mrs. Leffelman's communication, advising her of the City's position in this matter.

At 8:00 P.M., Mayor McGuire announced that the hour had arrived for opening of sealed bids for a complete two-way police radio communications system, in accordance with Specifications T-2, and in accordance with Notice Inviting Bids published September 4 and 11, 1941.

Clerk Bartlett opened and read bids in the following order:

Galvin Manufacturing Corporation,
Motorola Radio
Submitted by: William V. Stencil,
Sales Engineer, 3857 Berry Court,
North Hollywood, California

Equipment bid on

Price

1 P-280 Transmitter control unit & microphone
1 T-19-30H 50 watt transmitter
1 B19-19A headquarter receiver
1 type 111-M coaxial antenna
125' 3/8" copper feed line
1 set straight through connector and end seal with
gas gauge

Total \$755.00

4 complete 2-way mobile units consisting of:
T69-20-A transmitters
P69-17 receiver
P253 antenna
P279 antenna relay
P8010 Army base

Each \$300.00

\$1200.00

Complete total including all taxes, f.o.b. Torrance and installed \$1955.00

Should more or less feed line be required than specified, 30¢ per foot.

If the P8010 Army base is not practicable for size, deduct \$25.00 from the above amount.

A Government approved frequency monitor for use in frequency measurement of this equipment would cost \$150.00 in addition to the above amount.

A Certified Check in the amount of \$200.00 accompanied the bid.

National Hom Appliance Company for
R.C.A. Manufacturing Company, Inc.
1318 Sartori Avenue
Torrance, California

<u>Equipment bid on</u>	<u>Price</u>
Complete two-way police radio communications system, as recommended by RCA engineers, including all equipment, transportation, California State sales tax, guarantees, patent protection, installation, adjustment, tests, assistance in securing FCC permits and licenses and instructions in operation of equipment	\$2,826.77

A Certified Check in the amount of \$300.00 accompanied the bid.

Pierson-DeLane Inc.
4031 Goodwin Avenue
Los Angeles, California

<u>Equipment bid on</u>	<u>Price</u>
Pierson-DeLane equipment and not on items to the exact description given in the bid forms.	
<u>Section A. Mobile Transmitters</u>	
Pierson-DeLane Model PM-20-WT 4 required @ \$250.00 each	\$1,000.00
<u>Section B. Mobile Receivers</u>	
Pierson-DeLane Model MRX-12 4 required @ \$150.00 each	600.00
<u>Section C. Main Station Equipment</u>	
Part IV Pierson-DeLane Model 50-WTD One 50-Watt Transmitter @ \$935.00	935.00

Section C. Car Talk-Back Receiver

Part V. Pierson-DeLane Model PR-15-UHX
 30-40 (Central Station Receiver, Crystal
 Controlled) @ \$180.00 180.00

Total	\$2,715.00
Sales Tax	<u>81.45</u>
Grand Total	\$2,796.45

A Bidders Bond in the amount of \$300.00 accompanied the bid.

Graybar Electric
 Los Angeles

<u>Equipment Bid on</u>	<u>Price</u>
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Headquarters Equipment

1 - Western Electric #22-A (25 watt) Ultra-High Frequency Station Type Transmitter, complete with vacuum tubes, microphone, and other necessary accessories.

1 - Western Electric #28-D Station Type Receiver complete with necessary vacuum tubes and loud speaker.

1 - Western Electric #KS-10017 Coaxial Antenna and Transmission line.

Car Equipment

4 - Western Electric #28-A Ultra-High Frequency Mobile Transmitters (15-watt), complete with handset, control unit, vacuum tubes, dynamotor, car antenna and necessary cables.

4 - Western Electric #28-C Ultra-High Frequency Mobile Receiver, complete with vacuum tubes, loud speaker and necessary cables.

Total	\$2,750.00
	Plus sales tax

A Cashiers Check in the amount of \$300.00 accompanied the bid.

Councilman Powell moved that all bids received for a two-way radio communications system for the Police Department be rejected. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Torrance Flower-Art and Hobby Show, requesting funds in the amount of \$100.00 to help defray expenses of the Torrance Flower-Art and Hobby Show to be held September 25, 26 and 27, 1941. Clerk Bartlett advised he had received information, since the communication was written, that \$150.00 instead of \$100.00 is requested.

Councilman Babcock moved that the request for an appropriation of not to exceed \$150.00 to help defray expenses of the Torrance Flower-Art and Hobby Show to be held September 25, 26 and 27 be granted, to be paid upon receipt of itemized bills. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce, requesting that Arlington Avenue between Redondo Beach Boulevard and 166th Street be graded to provide adequate drainage for the dip at the intersection of Redondo Beach Boulevard and Arlington Avenue.

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

A communication was read from the Wilcox Chevrolet Company, signed by Joe Kozberg, General Manager, requesting removal of pepper trees on the north side of the Wilcox Chevrolet Company building on Wells Street.

Councilman Hitchcock advised that the matter will be investigated as soon as possible.

A communication was read from the White Manufacturing Company, 17001 Redondo Avenue, referring to a letter from J. E. McMaster, Fire Chief, addressed to Mr. J. R. Wolfe, which letter pertained to installation of a water hydrant adjacent to White Manufacturing Company property. The communication from said Company advised that installation of the hydrant on the front street, the pipe connection to be made from White Manufacturing Company's water storage tank, will be entirely satisfactory.

Fire Chief McMaster reported that he and Water Manager Stanger had today visited the White Manufacturing Company regarding this matter, and that Mr. Stanger is to obtain pipe prices.

A communication was read from Mrs. M. E. Attebery, 4010 Sepulveda Boulevard, requesting, on behalf of a certain club, the use of the Civic Auditorium every Tuesday evening.

Mayor McGuire reported that it has been the policy of the City Council not to make definite reservations for definite days of the week for specific groups or organizations, but that it is felt the building should be available to all groups, the thought being that if one group is granted the use of the building a certain night of every week, and another group given another night of every week, it could be possible that a few groups or organizations would have complete use of the building, making it extremely difficult for anyone else to obtain the building for one night or more.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be denied. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried, Councilman Powell dissenting.

Councilman Powell remarked that all groups should be given the same treatment in this matter.

A communication was read from Mrs. David Attebery, 4010 Sepulveda Boulevard, requesting rebate on City of Torrance Business License No. 135, issued for a Cafe business, said license having been obtained April 1, 1941 and used until September 19, 1941.

Councilman Babcock moved that six-months' license fee be refunded.

Councilman Powell pointed out that other similar requests had been denied at which time Councilman Babcock withdrew his motion.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be referred to the City Council as a whole for investigation and report at the next meeting. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the WALTERIA Civic Organization, referring to a former letter requesting a stop sign at Newton Street on Hawthorne Boulevard, WALTERIA, and advising that Chief Stroh had submitted a letter to the WALTERIA Civic Organization recommending the installation of the sign. Chief Stroh advised that he would recommend installation of a sign on Hawthorne Boulevard at the intersection of Newton Street, one way, to stop traffic travelling North on Hawthorne Boulevard.

Councilman Powell moved that the request of the WALTERIA Civic Organization for installation of a boulevard stop sign at the intersection of Newton Street and Hawthorne Boulevard, Southeast corner, be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Los Angeles Chapter, American Red Cross, Volunteer Reserve Corps, advising that the following persons have received instructions in Emergency First Aid Work and passed necessary tests.

Casper Clemmer
Fred Folts
Hilda Silence
Anna Peterson
Marie LePont
Cleora S. Stanger
Ernest Tolmie

Matter of record.

A petition bearing 119 signatures of employees of the Hydril Corporation, Torrance Plant, requesting that Lomita Boulevard from Pennsylvania Avenue to Hawthorne Boulevard be repaired, was read.

Councilman Hitchcock advised that the Street Department is at the present time working on the street.

Engineer Jain advised further that the City has been short of equipment and had desired to use roadside material as far as possible for making the embankment which has to be compacted by traffic over a period of time.

A communication was read from Dale Riley, Superintendent of the Recreation Department, City of Torrance, requesting an appropriation of \$50.00 for purchase of 1000 feet $\frac{1}{4}$ " panelboard, to be used in the arranging of displays at the art exhibit and hobby show to be held in the Civic Auditorium September 25, 26 and 27, 1941, and later to be used by the Recreation Department and charged to said department.

Councilman Babcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$50.00 be made for purchase of 1000 feet $\frac{1}{4}$ " panelboard as requested by Mr. Dale Riley, Superintendent of Recreation. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1498

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING DEED FROM COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COVERING CERTAIN TAX-DEEDED PROPERTIES IN SAID CITY OF TORRANCE AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1498 be adopted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Clerk be instructed to return Certified and Cashiers Checks to the various companies who submitted bids for the two-way radio communications system for the Police Department, and to advise said companies of action taken by the City Council regarding the bids. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell inquired what had been done to relieve the flood condition in South Torrance, near 232nd Street and Narbonne Avenue.

Engineer Jain advised that a thorough study had been made of the area, but that nothing had been done as yet. He said it had been felt at the time that to construct a channel to Eshelman Street would be too expensive, the only other alternative being to raise the road, which would entail an entire construction job. Councilman Powell asked how the present dry well had worked last year during the rainy season. Engineer Jain advised it had been inadequate to carry off the large quantities of water, even after it was cleaned of oil residue and foreign matter. He advised that the Los Angeles County Sanitation District had definitely forbidden running storm water into the sanitary sewers. Councilman Powell asked Mr. Jain what the approximate cost would be to relieve the condition, Mr. Jain advising that he could not furnish the estimate offhand. At Councilman Powell's request, Engineer Jain was asked to obtain an estimate of the approximate cost of relieving the condition.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$278.44 be made for installation of a fence at the water well in North Torrance district. (Being the water well recently drilled on property deeded to the City of Torrance by the former Crown Water Company). Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$100.00 be made for construction of a pump house at the water well in North Torrance. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$75.00 be made for painting the water tower and second coat of paint on water tank at Hickman Tract, North Torrance. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$111.00, plus tax, be made for purchase of the following materials for stock for the Electrical Department: 200 ft. flexible 15,000 volt weatherproof cable, 500 ft. #8 solid, single conductor, 8/64, varnished cambric 4/64 lead street light cable. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Babcock moved that the Torrance Municipal Band be authorized to play for the Boy Scout Court of Honor at the Torrance High School Auditorium September 26, 1941 and for the Torrance Flower-Art and Hobby Show at the Civic Auditorium September 27, 1941. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Jain reported that Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bateman of the Public Works Reserve of the National Resources Planning Board had requested him (Mr. Jain) to prepare a list of all major improvements which are anticipated for the next six years with an approximate estimate of the cost, purpose of the improvements, locations and all other matter relating to anticipated improvements.

At 8:40 P.M., a messenger delivered a Western Union Telegram to Clerk Bartlett, which he opened and read. The telegram was from Communications Equipment Corporation, being a bid on the two-way radio communications system for the Police Department. It was stated that four standard fifteen watt two-way car installations and one complete mainstation installation guaranteed to cover City of Torrance could be furnished for the sum of \$2323.00, excluding Federal and State Tax. The bid was too late to be considered.

Mayor McGuire moved that the City Council and Officials be authorized to attend the League of California Cities Convention in Sacramento October 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1941, expenses paid. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire asked Attorney McCall for a report on (1) who should bear the cost of eliminating hazardous sump holes and (2) regarding the new law providing means of demolishing condemned buildings. Attorney McCall advised he had no report to make in either of these matters at this time.

Mayor McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$466.77 be made for the following materials for the Water Department: 216 ft. 8" cast iron pipe, 1-8" all bell cast iron tee, 1-8" elbow, 2-8" gate valves. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Chief of Police, J. H. Stroh, be authorized to attend the Peace Officers Convention in Santa Rosa October 8, 9 and 10, expenses paid. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Joel Hagberg from WALTERIA again brought up the question of keeping of horses. He read portions of Ordinance No. 299, which ordinance was repealed May 13, 1941 by Ordinance No. 324. Ordinance No. 324, he asserted, has no bearing on Ordinance No. 299. A copy of Ordinance No. 324 was obtained for reference.

Mr. Loughridge of WALTERIA urged that some action be taken toward repairing Lomita Boulevard, at which time Councilman Hitchcock advised that dirt is being hauled in to fill where necessary and then a coat of rock and oil will be applied to the street.

Mr. Loughridge pointed out that last year, during the rains, the employees of the Hydril Company had been greatly inconvenienced and automobiles had been damaged by the condition of the street, it being impossible to drive in at times, he said.

Mr. Loughridge asked who should enforce the County of Los Angeles Ordinance regarding keeping of chickens, horses and other animals, since the City of Torrance is governed by County ordinance since repeal of Ordinance No. 299. Mayor McGuire advised that the City contracts with the County of Los Angeles Health Department for this service. He was advised further that Mr. Graham is the Inspector for the Torrance district. Clerk Bartlett was instructed to contact Mr. Graham of the Los Angeles County Health Department regarding the question brought up by Mr. Hagberg and Mr. Loughridge. It was suggested that Clerk Bartlett ask Mr. Graham to contact Mr. Loughridge.

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

At 8:47 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Babcock, the meeting adjourned to September 26, 1941 at 4:45 P.M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance