

Torrance, California
September 26, 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 Friday, September 26, 1941 at 4:45 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.

Being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

A communication was read, which had been prepared by the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, applying for a Preference rating to be assigned under Preference Rating Order No. P-46, issued by the Division of Priorities, Office of Production Management, in accordance with the definition of "Producer" therein contained and other terms thereof. The form was drawn in such manner as to require the signature of the Mayor, but Mr. Stanger, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, advised that since preparation of the form, he had been informed that the signature of the person who does the purchasing is required on the form, after due authorization by the City Council to apply for the Preference rating, instead of the signature of the Mayor.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 be authorized to do the purchasing for said Water District, the Manager of the Water District to issue the purchase orders. 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 Manager of the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 be authorized to sign the application for Preference rating and mail same to the Division of Priorities, Office of Production Management, Washington, D. C. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board, recommending that the City enter into a service contract with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, to have the County Civil Service Commission set up a standardized personnel system for the City of Torrance and get it started in the proper manner. Two types of contracts were outlined, the cost of each being as follows:

Type 1. The County to set up a standardized personnel system and perform all Civil Service functions:

\$10.00	per year for each employee up to and including 25.
5.00	" " " " " " from 26 and through 100.
3.00	" " " " " " over 100.

Type 2. The County to perform all Civil Service functions after the standardized system for the City of Torrance is set up:

\$6.00	per year for each employee up to and including 25.
3.00	" " " " " " from 26 and through 100.
1.80	" " " " " " over 100.

It was advised also that a number of cities contract with the County of Los Angeles for Civil Service functions.

Councilman Babcock moved that the request of the City of Torrance Civil Service Board be complied with, and that the Mayor and City Attorney be authorized to enter into contract with the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors for performance of Civil Service functions as outlined under Type 1 contract for the year ending July 1, 1942. 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 Kail asked what it is proposed to do regarding the Coordinating Council Friday night dances at the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

Clerk Bartlett was instructed to contact Dr. O. E. Fossum, President of the Coordinating Council, regarding this matter.

Chief Stroh reported that Vernon Coil, who conducts the dances for the Coordinating Council, had volunteered to cooperate more fully with the Police Department in the future in connection with allowing patrons of the dances to go in and out of the building, Mr. Coil agreeing to allow each person to leave the building one time only during a dance.

Councilman Babcock suggested that a meeting be arranged with a committee of the Coordinating Council. He mentioned that the Coordinating Council had paid no rent for the building for several months.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to prepare plans and specifications for parkway on Plaza del Amo; that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for same. 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 expenditure of not to exceed \$950.00 be authorized for road material for use on Lomita Boulevard. 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 not to exceed \$992.00 be appropriated for material for improvement of Plaza del Amo Street from Arlington Avenue to Border Avenue. 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 an appropriation of not to exceed \$100.19 net be made for transfer of motor in Bus No. 101 of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. 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 Babcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$60.00 be made for advertising space in the Torrance Herald for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. 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.

Regarding the proposed purchase of busses, a question arose as to the legality of purchasing same without advertising for bids. Mayor McGuire advised that Attorney McCall had stated that it is not necessary to advertise for bids. Clerk Bartlett stated he did not know definitely whether it is necessary to advertise for bids or not.

Councilman Babcock moved that the Purchasing Department be authorized to purchase four (4) White Manufacturing Company busses from the City of Santa Monica at a net cost of \$8,000.00, this purchase to be made only on approval of City Attorney McCall. 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 advised a gentleman in the audience, who, Councilman Powell said, represents one of the companies who submitted bids for the two-way radio communications system for the Police Department, that no action will be taken at this meeting regarding purchase of the radio.

Councilman Babcock moved that the City of Torrance fleet of automobiles insurance be renewed with the Travelers Insurance Company for the year ending October 13, 1942. 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 Hitchcock moved that the Manager of the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 be authorized to attend the Water Superintendents' Convention in Fresno to be held October 22 to 25 inclusive, 1941, with 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.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Torrance Municipal Water District be authorized to install valve covers on the valves located on the Moneta Water Company pipe line. 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.

Clerk Bartlett advised that a copy of the contract for renewal between the City of Torrance and the Moneta Water Company had been referred to Attorney McCall for checking, to be presented at the next meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Kern Oil Company be authorized to install two 10,000 gallon underground gasoline storage tanks at their old location in WALTERIA, providing it meets with the approval of the State Fire Warden. 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.

After conferring with Chief Stroh, Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$1,955.00 be made for purchase of Motorola Radio equipment from the Galvin Manufacturing Company, this being the lowest bid received for two-way radio communications system for the Police Department. 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. J. A. Evans of the Torrance Gift and Stationery Shop, voiced an objection to entering into contract with the County of Los Angeles for performance of Civil Service functions. He contended that the Civil Service Board of the City of Torrance should perform all the functions, such as classifying employees, conducting examinations and setting up personnel system. Further, he asserted, the County of Los Angeles is not acquainted with conditions and circumstances existing in the City of Torrance.

Mayor McGuire advised that it is the intention of the City of Torrance Civil Service Board to assist the County of Los Angeles at all times in this matter.

Mr. Evans remarked that if this proposed \$500.00 expenditure is saved, it might help toward bringing the tax rate back down next year.

Service Board to function after the system is set up.

At 5:29 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Babcock, the meeting adjourned.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance