

Torrance, California
July 14, 1942

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, July 14, 1942, at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

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

All who were present in the Council Chamber Saluted the Flag!

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held June 23, 1942, and that the minutes of a Regular Adjourned Meeting held June 30, 1942, be approved as written. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried un-animously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication addressed to the Mayor of the City of Torrance from the Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles, signed by Fletcher Bowron, Mayor of Los Angeles and A. I. Stewart, Mayor of Pasadena, was read advising that a meeting will be held in the Hearing Room of the Railroad Commission, State Building, Los Angeles, on July 15, 1942, at 3 o'clock for the purpose of securing the assent of all cities of the Metropolitan area in the selection of an overall coordinator of defense transportation who will work with the municipal officials and executives of the

defense industries. In addition thereto, a comprehensive survey of the local situation will be presented by the Railroad Commission. The communication requested that every city in the Los Angeles Metropolitan District be represented by its mayor, its defense transportation administrator, and such other official representatives that the City may be desirous of sending.

In accordance with the wishes of the Mayor and the other Councilmen, Councilman Hitchcock and possibly two other officials are to attend the meeting in the Hearing Room of the Railroad Commission on July 15, 1942, for the above stated purposes.

A communication addressed to the City Council from the California State Guard was read in which 1st Lt. Chalmers M. Dulmage of Company H, 4th Regiment stated that there is an urgent need for a sponsored recruiting campaign so that proper and sufficient guards can be maintained on the vital military points assigned to Company H inasmuch as men are being called from duty with Company H by the Draft Board.

Councilman Hitchcock stated emphatically that the State Guards should be given every assistance possible in their efforts to organize a sponsored recruiting campaign during a national emergency such as this, especially in view of the fact that the safety of the City will be affected if the strength of the Company is impaired.

Inasmuch as the Council concurred with Councilman Hitchcock's statement, Mayor McGuire suggested that someone contact the Officers of the California State Guard, Company H, 4th Regiment and make arrangements for a meeting with the Officers so that plans to incorporate enlistment and other matters pertinent to the movement may be discussed. It was also suggested that the Torrance Herald lend its aid to the campaign through the medium of advertising.

A communication was read from Mrs. Matilda Winters of the Murray Hotel, 1210 El Prado, in which Mrs. Winters conveyed her thanks to the City Council for the interest and attention which was given her request to lift the two hour parking ordinance from the alley on El Prado to Border Avenue.

A communication addressed to the City Council from the Union Oil Company of California was read advising that no permits to place pipe lines or conduits in the City of Torrance were issued by the Union Oil Company, and that no such pipe lines or conduits were constructed in the City of Torrance by said oil company under Los Angeles County Ordinance No. 1010 N.S. during a six-month period ending June 30, 1942. Matter of record.

A communication addressed to the City Council from the Union Oil Company of California was read advising that said oil company has not issued any permits to place pipe lines or conduits in the City of Torrance, and that no such pipe lines or conduits were constructed in the City of Torrance under County of Los Angeles Ordinance No. 1501 N.S. during a six-month period ending June 30, 1942. Matter of record.

A communication addressed to the City Clerk from the Richfield Oil Corporation was read advising that no pipe lines were laid, removed, or abandoned in place by Richfield Oil Corporation under Los Angeles County Ordinance No. 1358-1361 N.S., for the period from January 1st to June 30th, 1942, both inclusive. Matter of record.

A communication addressed to the City Clerk from the Richfield Oil Corporation was read advising that no pipe lines were laid, removed, or abandoned in place by Richfield Oil Corporation under City of Torrance Franchise Ordinance No. 92 during the period from January 1st to June 30th, 1942, both inclusive. Matter of record.

A communication addressed to the City Council from the Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps of America, South Bay Unit, Redondo Beach, California, was read advising that the Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps of America is starting a unit in Torrance. The writer, Lieut. Lottie Merriam, requested that the group be granted permission to use the Auditorium one night a week in order to drill.

Chief Stroh stated that this is the group of women who originally organized in Redondo Beach, and who, due to the difficulty of attending meetings in Redondo, decided to organize in Torrance. Chief Stroh recommended that their request be granted.

Councilman Cucci moved that the request of the Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps, Torrance Unit, to use the Auditorium one night a week in order to drill be granted and referred to a committee. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication addressed to the insurance agent for the City of Torrance from the Great American Indemnity Company was read in which the insurance company set forth at length recommendations which the City must comply with in regard to insuring the Park Street location in WALTERIA.

The matter was referred to Councilman Babcock for further study and report.

A communication addressed to the City Council from C. Z. Ward, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines was read asking for authorization to negotiate a lease for one year for a piece of property 15 feet by 6½ feet, situated 25 feet south of the bus terminal at Tenth and Hill Streets for a rental price of \$15.00 per month, said lease having been drawn and approved by the City Attorney and attached to said communication. The writer stated that benches are to be placed on the above described property for the convenience of passengers.

Councilman Powell moved that C. Z. Ward, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, be authorized to negotiate a lease for one year with the property owner for a piece of property 15 feet by 6½ feet, situated 25 feet south of the bus terminal at Tenth and Hill Streets, at a rental price of \$15.00 per month, said property to be utilized as a terminal. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication addressed to the City Council from the Torrance Civil Service Board was read advising that at a meeting which the board had with the bus drivers on July 1, 1942, it was decided that in view of the fact that the Bus Department operates on a reduced schedule on holidays a hardship is worked on drivers who are compelled to work on those days; and, inasmuch as the Council as of April 11 established the policy of paying time and one half for overtime, it is the recommendation of the Board that the drivers who work on any of the seven holidays mentioned in the Civil Service Rules and Regulations receive time and one half pay on those days. (This would be equivalent to four hours additional pay for an eight hour period).

Councilman Babcock moved that the request of the Torrance Civil Service Board that drivers of Torrance Municipal Busses who work on any of the seven holidays mentioned in the Civil Service Rules and Regulations receive time and one half pay for those days be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication addressed to the City Council from the Torrance Civil Service Board was read stating that it is the desire of the Board to amend Rule XX, "Efficiency Ratings", changing the method of rating employees in the classified service of the City from a percentage basis, as now provided in the Civil Service Rules and Regulations, to "Satisfactory" and "Unsatisfactory". The Board also stated in their letter that the latter method is in effective use by the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission. Therefore, they recommended that the Council adopt Rule XX as amended. A copy of Rule XX as amended was enclosed with the communication and was read by City Clerk Bartlett.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Torrance Civil Service Board that Rule XX of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations be amended as set forth in a communication from the Board. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from C. Z. Ward, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, addressed to the City Council was read advising that he, C. Z. Ward, has compiled working rules and regulations for employees of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines in accordance with a communication from City Clerk Bartlett informing the department heads of the City of Torrance that the Council had instructed the respective department heads to draw up working rules and regulations to be presented at the Council Meeting on July 14, 1942.

Inasmuch as the rules and regulations compiled by the various department heads were set forth at length, the City Clerk refrained from reading but stated that he had such working rules and regulations from the City Engineering Department; Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1; Park Superintendent; Custodian Department; Street, Sewers, and Park Department; the Bus Lines; and the City Clerk's Office.

Councilman Babcock moved that all communications relating to working rules and regulations compiled by the respective department heads be referred to the Council as a whole for further study and recommendation. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication addressed to the City Council from the Associated Assessment Engineers was read setting forth the advisability of photographing on moving picture film all of the valuable records in the various offices in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication from the Associated Assessment Engineers be referred to the Council as a whole for further study and recommendation. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication addressed to the City Clerk from Dorothy Christie was read in which Miss Christie stated that due to unforeseen circumstances she must resign her position as Stenographer in the City Clerk's Office, said resignation to be effective July 15, 1942. Miss Christie also expressed appreciation for the many courtesies extended by her congenial associates during the years of her service to the City of Torrance.

A communication addressed to the City Clerk from Valeria Turner was read stating that the writer had directed a request to the Torrance Civil Service Commission for a three months' leave of absence from her duties as Secretary in the City Clerk's Office beginning August 1, 1942. Miss Turner set forth conditions under which her resignation would be effective as of August 1, 1942, and expressed her sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended her during her period of employment with the City of Torrance.

The above communication enclosed a copy of a letter which Miss Turner wrote to the Torrance Civil Service Board, which letter contained the above-mentioned request for a three months' leave of absence and stated reasons for requesting said leave.

In addition thereto, Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Torrance Civil Service Board advising that Miss Turner's request for leave of absence had been approved; but that this approval was granted with the understanding that during this three-month period the vacancy caused by the absence of Valeria Turner would be filled by a "temporary appointment".

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the recommendation of the Torrance Civil Service Board approving Valeria Turner's request for a three months' leave of absence commencing August 1, 1942, be approved by the City Council. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication addressed to the City Council from the Associated Assessment Engineers was read, which communication recommended that a warrant for \$100.00 be executed in favor of the National Bank of Commerce of Seattle for quitclaim deed to sixty (60) lots, all in Tract 9901, which quitclaim deed has been properly executed by the officers of the National Bank of Commerce of Seattle--fee title owners; and that concurrently therewith the City Council by Resolution accept said quitclaim deed and order same recorded.

Mr. Whiteman of the Associated Assessment Engineers, who was in the audience, advised that said lots are in the Pueblo district on both sides of 203rd Street for some distance.

Councilman Babcock moved that \$100.00 be appropriated for the purchase of quitclaim deed to sixty (60) lots all in Tract 9901 as designated in the letter from the Associated Assessment Engineers.

Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1541

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING QUITCLAIM
DEED FROM THE NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE
OF SEATTLE, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY
CLERK TO RECORD SAME IN THE OFFICE OF
THE COUNTY RECORDER.

Councilman Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1541 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication addressed to the City Council from the Associated Assessment Engineers was read enclosing several papers relating to the program of liquidation of tax dedeed lands, said papers being--(1) Suggested form of Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 327, which said Ordinance governed the advertising and sale of tax dedeed land. (2) Suggested form of Resolution setting forth the findings of the City Council as to certain parcels of land to be advertised for sale, and authorizing the City Clerk to advertise such parcels. The communication advised that after more than a year's experience, the Associated Assessment Engineers find that a procedural ordinance such as Ordinance No. 327 is not necessary in the resale of tax dedeed properties, is not required by the Title Companies, and has proved to be more of a burden than a benefit; that said Engineers are operating in several other cities which do not now have such an ordinance; and that they find that they can operate more quickly and efficiently without such restrictions as contained in Ordinance No. 327. Therefore the Associated Assessment Engineers requested the rescission of Ordinance No. 327 by the enactment of the suggested form of Ordinance attached to the above communication.

Attorney McCall advised that he had checked the suggested form of ordinance repealing Ordinance 327; that he had conferred several times recently with Mr. Whiteman and Mr. Greig of the Associated Assessment Engineers; and that he agreed with Mr. Whiteman and Mr. Greig that Ordinance No. 327 is not necessary.

Mr. Whiteman of the Associated Assessment Engineers verbally set forth at length the numerous hindrances of Ordinance No. 327.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 336

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
RESCINDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 327.

Councilman Babcock moved that Ordinance No. 336 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1542

RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE FINDING OF
FACTS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO
PUBLISH AN ADVERTISEMENT OF PROPERTIES
FOR SALE BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1542 be adopted. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication addressed to City Engineer Glenn M. Jain from the State of California, Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, was read setting forth the procedure to be followed in executing an enclosed Memorandum of Agreement for Accumulation of $\frac{1}{4}$ Cent Gas Tax for Streets of Major Importance.

Following City Engineer Jain's statement that he had read and checked the above-mentioned Agreement, which also included an unnumbered resolution, Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1543

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREE-
MENT FOR ACCUMULATION OF $\frac{1}{4}$ CENT GAS TAX
ALLOCATED FOR STREETS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1543 be adopted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell reminded the Council at this time that there is a need for new bus schedules in a vital defense area such as this; and that the Council should confer with C. Z. Ward, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines on the subject, as soon as possible.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$185.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of road materials for resurfacing Llewellyn Avenue between Engracia Avenue and

Torrance Boulevard, Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$115.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of road materials for resurfacing 231st Street, west of Eshelman Avenue. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$95.00, plus tax, be made for road materials for resurfacing 227th Street, east of Pennsylvania Avenue. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that W. C. Bradford be employed as a clerk in the City Engineer's Office on a temporary basis in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations at a salary of \$115.00 per month; and that he also be employed at the same time as Secretary of the Civil Service Board at a salary of \$25.00 per month, making a total of \$140.00 per month. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Jain made comment on the above matter stating that apparently no one in the City Clerk's Office was interested in the position and that the only other applicant was not interested either.

Councilman Babcock moved that an appropriation not to exceed \$60.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of 10,000 commutation books from the Dillingham Printing Company for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Babcock reported that he had received a complaint regarding piles of rubbish in the alley in the 1500 block between Cota and Anapola.

The matter was assigned to City Engineer Jain.

In answer to several inquiries regarding the status of the work on Cabrillo Avenue south of Carson, City Engineer Jain reported that nothing has been done as yet because there is other work which requires attention at the present time. He stated that practically all of Cabrillo in that section has to be broken up and completely worked over, and that the grade must be changed. Engineer Jain stated that this job, which is similar to the one on Plaza del Amo, will cost about \$3350.00 for materials alone and probably that much again for labor. (Curbs and gutters not included). He also stated that inasmuch as there will be heavier traffic to Plaza del Amo in the future that heavier surfacing should be used on the above-mentioned Cabrillo project. Councilman Hitchcock stated that he and Engineer Jain had discussed the possibility of utilizing some of the gas tax money on said project; and that there had been several inquiries concerning this.

The foregoing gave rise to a discussion pertaining to central parking in the main portion of Cabrillo and to the confusion caused by the boulevard stop signs at the Carson, Cabrillo, Cravens intersection. The Council was asked for recommendations on both matters.

Chief Stroh gave the Council a word picture of all stop signs

in the vicinity of the Carson, Cabrillo, Cravens intersection and asked the Council to study Engineer Jain's suggestion that an "island" or channelization containing a stop sign be placed at Carson, Cabrillo, and Cravens to aid otherwise confused motorists.

Mayor McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$700.00, plus tax, be made for janitor supplies for all city buildings for the fiscal year 1942-43. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire announced that the time had come for the City Council to render a final decision either granting or denying the request of the Coast Brick Company for a variance of zoning restrictions provided by Ordinance No. 316 of the City of Torrance which would permit the firm to excavate further to the east on the property in North Torrance. He stated that at a public hearing which was held June 22, 1942, all interested parties and property owners were allowed free expression in the matter.

The Mayor asked for an opinion and vote from each member of the Council. Councilman Babcock stated that at the public hearing held June 22, 1942, the majority of the North Torrance residents indicated that they would prefer the company to excavate in a westerly direction rather than in an easterly direction; and that he wished to uphold the above stated preference of the North Torrance residents. Therefore Councilman Babcock voted that the request of the Coast Brick Company for a variance under Ordinance No. 316 of the City of Torrance be denied. Similar negative votes were verbally submitted by Councilmen: Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire.

Councilman Cucci moved that the request of the Coast Brick Company for a variance of zoning restrictions under Ordinance No. 316 of the City of Torrance which would permit said firm to excavate further east on the property in North Torrance be denied. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney McCall reported that he has drawn a proposed amendment to Civil Service Ordinance No. 326, waiving residence requirements under said ordinance for the duration of the war in accordance with a request by letter from the Torrance Civil Service Board. However, he stated that he has conferred with Mr. Beldon Gilbert of the Peace Officers' Association who agrees with him that Ordinance No. 326 is sufficiently elastic to take care of temporary appointments of those who can qualify otherwise than as to residence. Attorney McCall remarked that such appointments could be given on a temporary basis only; and that no credit could be extended to workers on said temporary basis so far as an actual Civil Service position is concerned.

In answer to an inquiry regarding the waiving of residence requirements under Civil Service Ordinance No. 249, which ordinance governs employees of the Police and Fire Departments, Attorney McCall explained that it would not be legal to amend Ordinance No. 249 as that ordinance was adopted by an initiative measure by the people and, as such, can be amended by the people only. At this time Attorney McCall addressed the Council and audience on the subject of the origin and background of Civil Service Ordinance No. 249.

Councilman Cucci suggested that no amendment be made to Ordinance No. 326 but that there merely exist an understanding that the residence requirements under said ordinance are waived for the duration of the war. Councilman Hitchcock asked Councilman Cucci if he wished his statement to be understood as a motion. Councilman Cucci answered in the affirmative: Councilman Hitchcock

seconded the motion. However, Councilman Cucci's motion was declared out of order; whereupon Councilman Cucci rescinded his motion.

Councilman Babcock moved that the City Council go on record as approving the request of the Civil Service Board that the residence requirements under Civil Service Ordinance No. 326 be waived for the duration of the war without amending said ordinance inasmuch as Ordinance No. 326 is sufficiently elastic to facilitate such a procedure; and that this shall affect Ordinance No. 326 and shall not affect Ordinance No. 249. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Babcock advised that he had received a complaint regarding too much parking in alleys in certain sections of the City.

Chief Stroh stated that there is no ordinance in the City of Torrance nor any law in the Motor Vehicle Code which prohibits parking in alleys, but that there is a law which prohibits the obstruction of driveways, and that a ticket can be issued for disobedience to such a law.

Attorney McCall advised that an ordinance prohibiting parking in alleys is within the law. He stated that he had tried unsuccessfully for several months to prepare such an ordinance.

Councilman Powell stated that he questioned the validity of such an ordinance so far as the courts were concerned inasmuch as it is difficult to prevent a man from parking in back of his own home.

Councilman Babcock moved that the problem created by too much parking in alleys in certain sections of the City be studied further by the Council. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney McCall reported that he had examined and found in order the one-year contract between the City of Torrance and Attorney Alfred L. Armstrong for legal services of Mr. Armstrong in connection with work on quiet title actions on tax deeded property. He stated that this contract is the same as the contract which the City previously entered into with Attorney Van den Akker.

Councilman Powell moved that the City of Torrance enter into a contract with Attorney Alfred L. Armstrong for one year for the latter's legal services in connection with quiet title actions on tax deeded property. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

In regard to the contract between the City of Torrance and the Associated Assessment Engineers for returning to the assessment rolls of the City of Tax deeded property, which contract was approved by the Council at the Regular Adjourned Meeting June 30, 1942, subject to the approval of the City Attorney, City Attorney McCall stated that he is in favor of awarding said contract for one year instead of three years as provided in the contract, this contract being a copy of the original which was granted for that period of time to Earl W. Hyde and later assigned to the Associated Assessment Engineers.

Mr. Whiteman of the Associated Assessment Engineers verbally signified his approval.

Councilman Babcock moved that the contract between the City of Torrance and the Associated Assessment Engineers for returning to the assessment rolls of the City of tax deeded property, which contract was approved at the Regular Adjourned Meeting on June 30, 1942 subject to the approval of the City Attorney, be entered into for a period of one year. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Engineer Jain requested that he be authorized to contact Mr. Gainey and study estimates for center striping Cabrillo Avenue and other streets in Torrance inasmuch as Mr. Gainey completed this type of work satisfactorily for the City last year.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to contact Mr. Gainey and study estimates of the cost of center striping Cabrillo Avenue and to also study estimates of the cost of center striping the balance of the streets of the City of Torrance for the fiscal year 1942-43, estimates and actual contract subject to the approval of the Engineering Department. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Grover C. Whyte, Publisher of the local newspaper, addressed the Council and audience and discussed at length the importance of and the need for a scrap metal drive in this City. He stated that newspapers all over the United States are being asked by Donald Nelson of the War Production Board to sponsor the drive, which will not only include scrap metal but grease, fat, and other waste materials as well. Mr. Whyte reported that inasmuch as the Torrance Kiwanis Club is raising a fund to purchase an ambulance for the City that they are to be given the proceeds of the general collection for their ambulance fund, the balance to go to other worthwhile community projects. Mr. Whyte terminated his address by asking the City to cooperate in the drive by permitting municipal trucks to pick up scrap metals at various depots.

After a long discussion relating to methods of collection, depots, etc., the Council unanimously agreed to cooperate in the scrap metal drive by permitting municipal trucks to pick up salvage at times and places to be designated later.

Mr. Salm of the Salm Manufacturing Company asked why the scrap metal couldn't be sold directly to some worthwhile institution rather than to a junk dealer and thus eliminate needless profits. He was advised that such a procedure is obstructed by a technicality in the law.

Mr. Jack Hallanger, Deputy City Clerk, reported that four months ago he started a scrap metal drive on behalf of the American Legion, and that he would be glad to donate to the Kiwanis Club the four or five tons of choice scrap iron and steel which he has collected.

Mrs. Gonner of North Torrance expressed appreciation for the courtesies extended North Torrance residents by the City Council in rendering a decision against the Coast Brick Company.

Mrs. Green of 22412 South Normandie requested that something be done to stop the burning of sludge in the City Dump at noon time, as it fills the homes of surrounding residents with smoke and constitutes an undesirable condition.

Councilman Powell moved that the dumping of oil sludge into the City Dump be prohibited. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Harry Bunje registered a complaint regarding the condition of Cabrillo Avenue from Carson Street to Plaza del Amo, stating that it is impossible to drive on the street without getting one's tires covered with what appears to be oil. Engineer Jain advised that the black substance is merely part of the resurfacing.

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

At 9:47 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Babcock, the meeting adjourned.

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

APPROVED:

Tom F. McGuire
Mayor of the City of Torrance