

Torrance, California  
October 30, 1942

MINUTES OF A REGULAR ADJOURNED  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Adjourned Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Friday, October 30, 1942, at 5:07 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. Absent: Councilmen: Cucci.

This being a Regular Adjourned Meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication signed by C. Z. Ward, Manager Torrance Municipal Bus Lines was read requesting the City Council to approve the appointment of Mr. H. B. Cruelle, Bus Driver to fill the vacancy necessitated by the new schedule.

Councilman Babcock moved that the appointment of Mr. H. B. Cruelle as Bus Driver to fill the vacancy necessitated by the new schedule be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from C. Z. Ward, Manager Torrance Municipal Bus Lines was read requesting the appointment of Mr. Walter M. Lewis as bus driver to replace driver Sherman Miller who is being inducted into the Armed Service of the United States.

Councilman Babcock moved that Mr. Walter M. Lewis be appointed as bus driver to replace Sherman Miller. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Another communication from C. Z. Ward was read requesting the City Council to authorize the hiring of a stenographer for the Municipal Bus Lines for four hours a day or make some other arrangements to take care of the Bus Department stenographic work.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of allowing one of the stenographers already employed in the City Hall to take care of the bus department stenographic work. Mayor McGuire advised Mr. Ward that some arrangements would be made to allow one of the stenographers in the City Hall to handle the Bus Department office work.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read an Agreement for Sale of Real Estate between the City of Torrance and the Perry Mutual Water Company.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to City Engineer G. M. Jain for investigation and report at the next regular meeting. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

A communication from John H. Stroh, Chief of the Police Department, was read requesting the appointment of John Steinbrink as patrolman with the Torrance Police Department at a salary of \$145.00 per month, effective October 25th, 1942.

Councilman Powell moved that the appointment of John Steninbrink as Patrolman with the Torrance Police Department at a salary of \$145.00 per month effective October 25, 1942, be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Lucille Stroh be appointed acting Desk Sergeant for the Torrance Police Department at a salary of \$125.00 per month, starting October 25, 1942. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

A communication from Chief of Police John H. Stroh was read requesting that Thomas H. Perkin be appointed as acting Sergeant, effective November 1, 1942.

Councilman Powell moved that the request of Chief of Police John H. Stroh that Thomas H. Perkin be appointed as acting Sergeant, effective November 1, 1942, be granted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

A communication from City Engineer Jain was read requesting that J. E. Long be hired to assist with the painting of the street lights at the rate of \$1.00 per hour.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that J. E. Long be hired to assist with the painting of the street lights at the rate of \$1.00 per hour. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk be authorized to write a letter to L. C. Fix advising him that he is to have jurisdiction over Mr. Albert Treloar, janitor for the Bus Lines and that Mr. Treloar is to report to him only for instructions in his work, and that a copy of the letter be sent to C. Z. Ward and one to Mr. Treloar. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$125.00 be made for transportation for City Attorney J. E. McCall to attend the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers in New York City. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

At this time Councilman Hitchcock brought up the subject of payment for employees leaving the employ of the City of Torrance to enter the Armed Forces of the United States. A short discussion took place as to the amount of pay they should receive.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all employees who enter the services of the Armed Forces of the United States be granted one additional week's vacation with pay and this to be retroactive to apply to the men who have entered the service previous to this date. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor McGuire made a motion that the City Council authorize the temporary employment of a stenographer-clerk in the City Clerk's office beginning November 1, 1942. Councilman Hitchcock

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

Mayor McGuire moved to authorize the employment half time of Virginia Scott in the office of P. MacDonneil, Housing Director beginning October 10, 1942. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Powell advised that Mrs. J. W. Loughridge has received no payment of rental for the sign located on her property. Clerk Bartlett was advised to contact her in regard to furnishing the City of Torrance with a statement of the amount of rental due her; also to determine if there are any other signs on which the rental has not been paid.

City Engineer Jain was questioned relative to the repair work on the crossing on Cabrillo Avenue. Mr. Jain advised that six thousand gallons of road oil have been ordered and if the order is approved, this and other necessary street repairs will be made.

The subject of additional help at the city garage was introduced by City Engineer Jain. He advised that some of the work has to be sent out and the mechanics are not able to do justice to the city equipment. He further advised that there are no mechanics at present on the Civil Service list.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to hire a repairman in the city garage if one is found suitable. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

At 5:35 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