

Torrance, California
January 15, 1943

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 Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Friday, January 15, 1943, at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

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

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the City of Los Angeles, Probation Officer, addressed to Mr. John E. McCall, with reference to the Boarding home of Mrs. Ramona E. Hernandez.

Mayor McGuire asked for a report from Mr. Dever, the owner of the property being rented to Mrs. Hernandez as a Boarding Home; stating that we had received several complaints concerning same.

Mrs. Dever, speaking for Mr. Dever, stated that they didn't know anything about Mrs. Hernandez at the time they rented the property to them. Mrs. Hernandez told them they had five children, but they supposed they were her own children.

She further stated that on receiving complaints from the neighbors, she made an investigation and found that the Home was clean and neat, and the beds neatly made with clean white linen.

It was her opinion that the neighbors don't like them because they are Mexicans.

Mr. Palmer stated that he had always been a good neighbor to Mr. Dever, and that he was the first one to put in a complaint after he found out that the children were wards of the Juvenile Court.

He further stated that he had a daughter going to high school and that he objected to having these delinquent boys living right next door and making objectionable remarks.

He also said Mr. Dever had told him that he would get these people out, after he found out that they were Mexicans.

A lady from North Torrance stated she had no objection to them as Mexicans, but it was the idea of the kind of children living there and mixing with her children.

After listening to some further heated discussion on the matter, Mayor McGuire advised them that the Council would take the matter under advisement for further consideration and would let them know their decision in the matter at the next meeting of the City Council, January 26th, 1943.

A communication was read from William R. Staats Company, addressed to Mr. Wm. H. Stanger, regarding an offer to sell the City some 6% Bonds for the price of \$1386.89.

Mr. Hallanger stated that in his opinion this was not a very good offer as it amounted to only about 2%, or a saving of approximately \$700.00 over a period of sixteen years.

Mr. Powell thought this was worth saving.
 Mayor McGuire requested Mr. Hallanger to get more complete figures.

Mayor McGuire brought up the matter of the resignation of Mr. Robert Roberts from the Civil Service Board, and suggested that the appointment of his successor be held over until the next meeting of the Council, for further consideration.

Mr. Thos. Babbitt asked if the Council had money enough to put steps and a walk across the Santa Fe Railroad Right-of-Way on Madrid Avenue, at Eldorado Street.

City Engineer Jain stated that it was not entirely a matter of money; that in talking with the City Attorney, it was brought out that there would be a legal liability of putting any structure on the Railroad right-of way.

However, Mr. Jain said he had been advised by the Santa Fe Roadmaster that he would put an asphalt sidewalk across the right-of-way on his own responsibility, but he could not put any sort of a structure over the right-of-way as the Railroad Commission would not approve, and the Santa Fe and the City could not accept the liability incurred thereby.

Mr. Jain further stated that the City could put an overhead crossing over the right-of-way, but that would be very expensive, and his recommendation was that we better let them put in the sidewalk.

Mr. Jain also stated, in regard to the planting of the embankments along the right-of-way, that it would take about 65,000 plants, and asked the Council whether they should go ahead with the work.

Mr. Cucci inquired if that was why they were grading the banks, to which Mr. Jain replied that it was; and that the Railroad Company had agreed to put in a two foot railing made of ties; and the City was to put in a hedge and plant the banks.

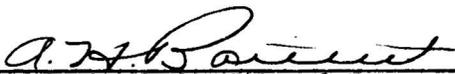
Mr. Babcock said it was up to us to go ahead with our agreement.

Mayor McGuire asked what this work would cost, to which Mr. Jain replied that he did not know.

Mr. Powell asked what type of planting was proposed. Mr. Jain replied that on the slopes they would put in a heavy ice plant, and on the top a more attractive flowering plant.

Mr. Cucci stated that he believed we should beautify the right-of-way as much as possible.

At 8:00 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Cucci, the meeting adjourned.


 City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


 Mayor of the City of Torrance