

Torrance, California
May 25, 1943

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, May 25, 1943, 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 those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag!

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held May 11, 1943; and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held May 18, 1943, be approved as written. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Mrs. Florence Hall, 2311 Andreo Avenue, offering her services in the Recreation Department in the event Mrs. Bohrer should need help.

On motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the letter was filed for future reference.

A communication was read from the Felker Manufacturing Company, requesting permission to erect a six foot wire fence across the front of their property at 1128 Border Avenue. They explained that this fence is for the protection of their plant, which is engaged in defense work, and permission was requested to place this fence 3' 6" from the sidewalk line and 3' 6" outside of their property line; such permit to be for the duration only.

Mayor McGuire asked Engineer Jain what he thought about it. Engineer Jain replied that it was the desire of the Felker Manufacturing Company to place the fence three and a half feet out into the City parkway, and that he saw no objection if they would agree to

remove the fence after the war.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Felker Manufacturing Company be granted permission to install a fence 3' 6" from the sidewalk, with the stipulation that this fence would be removed after the war, or whenever so ordered by the City Council; and that the Felker Manufacturing Company assume all liability for damages which may arise by reason of the fence being so placed.

Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital, expressing appreciation and thanks for the fresh vegetables which they had been receiving from the City's Victory Garden during the past weeks.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Park Superintendent, Mr. Fred Blake, continue to supply the Hospital with fresh vegetables from the Victory Garden. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

A communication was read from Mr. J. E. Jeffery, Regional Director, State, County and Municipal Workers of America--C.I.O., acknowledging the action of the City Council, at their last regular meeting, increasing the pay of the two Fire Department Captains, and the Fire Chief, in accordance with the Union's request.

Mr. Jeffery further stated that the Engineers should also receive an increase in pay as their duties were comparable to that of Sergeant in the Police Department.

Councilman Powell moved that the communication from Mr. Jeffery be referred to the Council as a whole for further consideration. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. J. E. Jeffery, Regional Director, State, County and Municipal Workers of America--C.I.O., regarding the matter of cover-up in the Torrance Fire Department, stating that the present practice is that whenever there is an alarm at least one off-duty Fireman must report to the station, whether or not there is real need of his services.

Mr. Jeffery charged that the Torrance City Fire Department is inadequately manned, and that the present personnel of the Fire Department is being unjustly exploited in violation of City Ordinance No. 249. He further stated that Section 24 of Ordinance No. 249 provides that each shift or platoon of men shall be on leave from their station every alternate 24 hours "subject to orders in case of need."; that the definition of the word "need", according to the Civil Service Board of the City of Torrance is an emergency; that off-shift men should not be called to cover ordinary fires; and quoted from a letter received from Attorney Charles T. Rippey: It is "my opinion that if the City requires men on their off-shifts to respond to ordinary fires the letter and the spirit of the Ordinance is being violated."

Councilman Powell stated that he was glad to have the opinion of the former City Attorney in that regard and that he would also like the former City Attorney to explain how it come that he sat in the position of City Attorney in violation of State law until it was remedied by him. He further stated that a motion had been made by him asking that the Civil Service Rules and Regulations be lived up to as nearly as it was humanly possible to do, which motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Powell said he knew the Fire Department was undermanned and he believed the other members of the Council recognized that fact; and that he hoped to be able to remedy those conditions in the near future. He said there were existing hazards at this time of the year that were almost impossible for the Fire Department to take care of; that the City has grown up with weeds and wild oats and there are a number of neglected oil sumps, but he hoped, with the aid

of the Street Department and the Fire Department to clean up these hazards as rapidly as possible, and that we are doing the best we can under the circumstances.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication from Mr. J. E. Jeffery be filed for further study. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from City Attorney McCall, in regard to a previous communication from Mr. MacDonneil with reference to securing the removal of two oil derricks and an old refinery at or near the Park Knolls Tract.

Mr. McCall stated that he had visited the property in question, in company with Fire Chief McMaster, and found both wells operating; and since it is impossible to condemn an operating well there is nothing that can be done about it; and that the old refinery is now the subject of litigation in Superior Court, and that it would not be possible to condemn this property for private use.

A communication was read from City Attorney McCall, submitting a written opinion, at the request of City Clerk Bartlett, in regard to the bill which had been received from Ben S. Cohen, for alleged services in connection with the sale of the City Park property in Tract 4070, which bill had been presented to the City Council at its regular meeting of May 11th.

Attorney McCall's Opinion, supported by lengthy legal references, was that the City Council has no authority to pay a fee or commission under the circumstances.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Mr. Ben S. Cohen be notified of the decision of the City Attorney, and that the City Council concurs in the Opinion submitted by City Attorney McCall. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented for second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 344

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
PROHIBITING PERSONS OWNING OR HAVING
CHARGE, CARE, CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF
DOGS ALLOWING THEM TO RUN AT LARGE.

Councilman Cucci moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 344 be dispensed with. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci moved that Ordinance No. 344 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1578

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING HIGH-
WAY EASEMENT ACROSS THE PACIFIC
ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S RIGHT-
OF-WAY AT THE INTERSECTION OF
ABALONE AVENUE AND PLAZA DEL AMO.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1578 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.

Mayor McGuire asked Engineer Jain for a report on the progress being made in connection with this Railroad Crossing. Engineer Jain replied that he had been notified by the Pacific Electric Railway Company that this work would be done if and when materials are available.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1579

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, ACCEPTING BIDS FOR CERTAIN TAX DEEDED LANDS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO APPLY TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR SUCH TAX DEEDS.

Councilman Babcock asked if these properties should be offered for sale at public auction. Mr. Packard, of the Associated Assessment Engineers, replied that these lots had already been offered for sale.

Councilman Cucci moved that Resolution No. 1579 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1580

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 Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1580 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented a communication from the Associated Assessment Engineers, advising that their present contract with the City of Torrance expires on May 31, 1943; that since being employed by the City they have conducted sales which have restored to tax and assessment rolls 196 pieces of property, comprising 70% of the tax-deeded parcels within the metropolitan area of the City of Torrance; that there is still a group of properties in Tracts Nos. 10304, 10306 and 10307, upon which nothing has been done as yet due to the fact that they are under an injunction; but expressing the belief that this might be cleared up.

The Associated Assessment Engineers requested that their contract with the City be renewed, and amended to include the provision of paying them \$1.75 per parcel for making the tax and assessment analysis and appraisals of the parcels in the above numbered Tracts, which are located in the Palos Verdes area.

Clerk Bartlett then presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1581

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AGREEING TO A RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT PREVIOUSLY EXISTING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE

ASSOCIATED ASSESSMENT ENGINEERS OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RELATING TO THE RESTORATION OF TAX DEEDED LANDS.

Councilman Cucci moved that Resolution No. 1581 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, McGuire and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented a communication from the Civil Service Board, enclosing six copies of a proposed new contract between the City of Torrance and the County of Los Angeles for the performance, by the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission, of examining services only; which will supersede the existing contract for full technical services, to become effective July 1, 1943.

Councilman Babcock inquired what would be the cost to the City under this new contract. Clerk Bartlett stated that the contract provided for the following charges: \$6.00 per year for each employee in the classified service of the City, up to and including the first twenty-five employees thereof; \$3.00 per year for each employee in the classified service of the City after the first twenty-five employees and up to and including one hundred employees thereof; \$1.80 per year for each employee in the classified service of the City for all employees over one hundred thereof.

Councilman Powell moved that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to enter into the Contract with the County of Los Angeles for the examining service only, effective July 1, 1943. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was passed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Mr. J. W. Crowther, advising that due to the fact he had moved from Torrance to Wilmington he was no longer eligible to serve as a member of Civil Service Boards Nos. 249 and 326, and tendering his resignation, effective May 15, 1943.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the resignation of Mr. J. W. Crowther, as a member of Civil Service Boards Nos. 249 and 326, be accepted; and that a letter of thanks be written him, for his many years of service on these Boards, and for the fine co-operation he has given the City and the Civil Service Boards during his period of service.

Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Mayor McGuire asked if Mr. Crowther was present in the audience, and stated that the Council wished to personally thank him for the fine work he had done and that he had rendered the City such invaluable help and assistance that he knew it would be very difficult to replace him.

Councilman Powell added that he had conferred with other members of the Civil Service Board, all of whom had expressed regret upon learning of the resignation of Mr. Crowther. He also stated that Mr. Crowther was an appointee of his, and that he had in mind another man to take his place.

Mayor McGuire stated, for the benefit of the people in the audience, that these jobs, which are filled by men like Mr. Crowther, are entirely without pay, and that it is very difficult to find men to do this work.

Councilman Powell presented a communication from Chief of Police, John H. Stroh, advising that Mr. Ben Harper, Radio Technician, had left as of May 15, and requested permission to replace him with Mr. Charles Long, an employee of Radio Station K.N.X., at the same rate of pay as received by the former Radio Technician.

Councilman Powell moved that Police Chief John Stroh be authorized to employ Mr. Charles Long as Radio Technician, effective May 16, 1943, at the same rate of pay as received by the former Radio Technician.

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.

Councilman Powell read a communication from Chief of Police, John H. Stroh, advising that Patrolman, George Henderson, had completed six months of service with his Department, and requesting that his salary be increased to \$185.00 per month.

Councilman Powell moved that Mr. Henderson's salary be increased to \$185.00 per month, effective May 16, 1943. 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.

Councilman Powell moved that Mr. H. B. Dunn, a merchant in Walteria, be appointed on Civil Service Boards regulating Ordinances Nos. 249 and 326, to replace Mr. J. W. Crowther, effective May 15, 1943. 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.

Councilman Cucci stated, in regard to the Child Welfare School, that unless a sufficient number of mothers who are working in defense plants, and who have children between the ages of 2 and 5 years, avail themselves of this plan before June 1st, the Board of Education will reject it. He stated that Mrs. Wheeler was here in the audience and asked her to explain the matter more fully.

Mrs. Wheeler stated that they now have a school in Lomita but they wish to move it to Torrance to be nearer the defense plants; that right now they only have 16 children, and they must have at least thirty children enrolled, payable one week in advance, with signed applications on file with the Board of Education, before the Lanham Act Funds will be made available; one-half of the expenses, including rent, teachers' salaries, food and equipment is provided from this Fund.

Mayor McGuire asked Mrs. Wheeler to explain just what the Lanham Act is, how it is set up, what it is for, and what it does for the people.

Mrs. Wheeler stated the Lanham Act Fund was established by the Federal Government to help in defraying the cost of the Child Welfare work, to assist mothers who are employed, as the children must be taken care of. She explained that the State of California at one time rejected this Fund, but now feel they must have it to keep the schools in operation. The schools must be under the supervision of the Board of Education, and the instructors must be former teachers, and are required to take the same tests as the teachers in the public schools.

Mrs. Wheeler further stated that this Fund provides just one-half of the expenses. There is a fee of \$1.00 per day, or \$6.00 per week, for each child, which is very little to ask a mother and father, who are making high wages in defense plants, to take care of their children.

Councilman Hitchcock asked Engineer Jain if the Barracks Building had been moved. Engineer Jain replied that everything was in readiness for the Housemovers, but the moving was postponed on account of lack of enrollment, but the Housemoving Company said they would try to do it by the end of this week.

Councilman Cucci stated that June 1st was the dead-line, and something must be done before then or it would be too late.

Councilman Cucci stated that at the last Council meeting, Mr.

Evans had inquired as to any possible legislation that might keep people indoors during a black-out; and that he would like to inform Mr. Evans that he learned, at the last meeting of the League of Municipalities, that the State is preparing a dim-out and black-out ordinance now.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$50.88, including tax, be made for the purchase of 1.235 tons of barley hay for the City stables. 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.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$85.50, plus tax, be made for the purchase of 55 feet of 10" second-hand steel casing for repair of culvert on 213th Street. 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 Babcock moved that an appropriation of \$150.00, plus tax, be made for motor exchange in Bus No. 101. 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 moved that an appropriation of \$150.00, plus tax, be made for motor exchange in Bus No. 102. 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 moved that Mr. Chas. Z. Ward, Manager of the Bus Department, be authorized to employ Richard V. Larry, as a Bus Driver, on a temporary basis, to replace Bus Driver Eugene H. Gordon, effective May 14, 1943, at a salary of \$160.00.

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 moved that Mr. Chas. Z. Ward, Manager of the Bus Department, be authorized to employ James F. Johnstone, as a Bus Driver, on a temporary basis, to replace C. M. Gilbert, effective May 18, at a salary of \$160.00 per month.

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 asked Chief Stroh, of the Police Department, if he had any report to make on the proposed four-way stop at 190th Street and Western Avenue.

Chief Stroh replied that he had nothing to report. He said he was satisfied with the way it is now, and that it is up to the City of Los Angeles to make the next move.

Mayor McGuire moved that the City Clerk be authorized to employ Mrs. Maude S. Deininger, on a temporary basis, at a salary of \$125.00 per month, effective May 25, 1943.

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.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Edward Saul, 2636 West 174th Street, stated he was a hog raiser and asked what the Council was going to do tonight. When asked by the Mayor what he meant, he replied, "We have all been notified to get rid of our hogs by June 11th or face prosecution."

The Mayor said he didn't think his ranch would come under Ordinance No. 316 as he had been raising hogs at the same location prior to the adoption of the ordinance.

Mr. Saul replied that he had received a notice signed by Chief Stroh, of the Police Department.

Councilman Cucci said the reason for that was that the motion was made to notify all hog raisers, and should have been made to notify all hog raisers in violation of Ordinance No. 316.

Mrs. Saul, 2636 West 174th Street, said: "We operate a large hog ranch, that is true. However, there are other people who are doing things to carry on this fight for victory. We are making a fight for every man, woman and child who is raising hogs in Torrance and they are doing it at the request of their Government, to feed the boys who are fighting for us; to feed our defense workers, and others."

"If you read the papers last Friday you no doubt read that the O.P.A. stated we are short two and one-half million pounds of meat a week on the West Coast. The hog raisers are doing all they can to help out that shortage; many of them have sons, have husbands, have brothers in the Army fighting for us. Are you willing to take the responsibility of cutting short the meat supply for the defense workers at the National Supply Company, the Columbia Steel Company, and the C.C.M.O.?"

"Mr. Powell! I believe it was at your insistence that this move against food production was first started."

"You are mis-quoting", replied Mr. Powell.

"What did the papers say?" asked Mrs. Saul.

"I wouldn't dare say what the papers might say", said Mr. Powell, "I made the motion that the Ordinance be lived up to." "We have an ordinance here which provides for what can be produced. We spent a lot of time in preparing this ordinance, and between \$1300 and \$1400 to get this ordinance out before the people."

"You are in the same position as any group of people who want a change of zoning for building; you have the same rights as other citizens have. You can ask for a variance from the Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission will investigate, and if the people in your neighborhood are in favor of your having hogs, and the majority make such a recommendation, you will be permitted to raise them."

"You had the right to come up here and protest when the ordinance was being adopted", said Mr. Powell.

"We did protest it", replied Mrs. Saul.

Councilman Powell stated that the ordinance was now in effect, and there was a certain procedure necessary to change it.

Mrs. Saul asked: "How long is this going to take?"

"It all depends on you people, how long you are going to take to ask for it", replied Mr. Powell.

Mr. Saul then jumped up and angrily threatened Mr. Powell; and among other things threatened to sue him for perjury, and to inform Mr. Kersey, Superintendent of Schools, what kind of a man Mr. Powell was.

Mr. J. W. Crowther, of Walteria, stated that he was a veteran of the first World War and also has a son in this war and he felt sure his son was not suffering in the least from any lack of food.

"There is plenty of other territory in the State of California," said Mr. Crowther, "Where there is room to raise hogs, if you want to, without raising them in an R-1 District."

Mr. Crowther went on to explain that this ordinance had been drawn up in an attempt to satisfy the majority of the people, and everyone had a chance to enter protests at that time. Nevertheless, he said, provision has been made where by individual cases can be brought up and variances granted. He proceeded to outline the procedure necessary to obtain a variance.

"I don't think anyone has the right to criticize the Councilmen", said Mr. Crowther. "It is up to the tax-payers of the City of Torrance to carry out the provisions of the ordinance; but if you wish to obtain a variance, bring it up in the manner set forth in the ordinance."

Mayor McGuire asked the City Attorney to read those sections of Ordinance No. 316 having reference to A-1, or "Light Agricultural" zones.

City Attorney McCall, after reading the sections pertaining to A-1 Zones, and the uses permitted therein, added, "The Ordinance purports to set out what uses are permitted, and the inclusion of the one excludes the others".

Councilman Powell stated that hog ranches which were established previous to the adoption of this ordinance can continue to operate legally, but no others can be permitted without the consent of the Council.

A gentleman in the audience, Mr. Bays, stated he had purchased four acres of land and six brood sows and is raising pigs. He said he came down to the City Hall and asked if he needed a permit and was told that he didn't. People who are living on the outskirts of town, he said, are doing so because they want to raise chickens and pigs and other live stock.

Some discussion followed, as to what constituted a "Light Agricultural Zone"; and the difference between a "Light Agricultural" and a "Heavy Agricultural" Zone.

Engineer Jain stated that when this ordinance came up for public hearings, the question arose as to whether there should be two agricultural zones, "Light Agricultural" and "Heavy Agricultural" to correspond with the manufacturing districts.

"As I recall", said Mr. Jain, "At that time the consensus of opinion was that they didn't desire a heavy agricultural district, which would allow heavy agriculture, such as hog ranches."

Following some further discussion, Councilman Cucci moved that the previous motion granting hog owners thirty days in which to dispose of their hogs, be extended another thirty days so that the people might have a chance to acquaint themselves with this ordinance and go through the proper procedure, and if there are no objections from his neighbors, that they be allowed to continue to raise hogs.

Several owners can join in one petition, he said, and in that way reduce the expense; adding "all we want is that you co-operate with the Ordinance, and we will co-operate with you."

Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was not voted upon.

Mr. Wagner, of 166th Street, stated: "We want to do all we can to co-operate with the City of Torrance. I think you will find us good citizens, but we can't see why, if we have no neighbors who are complaining, and our neighbors have cows, horses, chickens, etc. why we can't have some pigs."

Councilman Hitchcock offered a substitute motion, stating that it seems this is not clear to the people or to the Council, and suggesting the time limit be removed, and that the whole matter be held over for further study by the Council; the people to be notified later as to what is going to be done.

Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, after Councilman Cucci consented to withdraw his previous motion. The substitute motion was then voted upon and unanimously carried.

A gentleman in the audience asked, if the people north of 190th Street were to get up a petition could they get that district rezoned. Mayor McGuire replied that they could.

City Engineer Jain stated that the question came up at the time the ordinance was being studied; that the County Planning Commission said the light agricultural zone was for the raising of poultry and the rotation of crops, with any animals that were used in crop farming; that anything in the heavy agricultural zone was in the class of dairies, hog farms, sheep farms, etc., that could be obnoxious to the people surrounding them.

Mr. Jain said the largest delegations appearing before the Planning Commission at that time were from North Torrance, and they were not in favor of heavy agriculture, so when this ordinance was written no provision was made for heavy agriculture.

Mr. Jain suggested we get some additional advice from the County as to how to proceed to set up such a new district.

Mr. Hagberg, of WALTERIA, stated that the whole matter started from complaints regarding people who wanted to raise hogs on a small City lot, and not against anybody who has been raising hogs for years; and what we do object to is allowing hog farms on a little 30 x 150 foot lot.

Mr. J. W. Crowther said he was of the opinion that a ranch is not complete unless you have a cow, chickens, etc., adding: "I think it would be all right to raise what one could use for his own use, but if he was raising more than what he could use himself, he was stepping out of bounds."

"The only objection I have", said Mr. Crowther, "is that I don't believe the place to raise hogs is on a small city lot, and the best sections of your City turned into a hog ranch. I don't think, just because the boys are over there fighting, that we should turn the City into a hog ranch."

Mr. Hagberg complained about the bus service in WALTERIA, charging that the bus drivers leave whenever they please and leave passengers behind.

Mayor McGuire said the Bus Manager would be glad to delay the bus five minutes for the benefit of the passengers, and asked Councilman Babcock to take the matter up with Mr. Ward.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. 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.

Mr. John J. Koshak, 2334 West 236th Street, requested that he be granted a renewal of his license to operate a woodyard at the above address, for another six months in order to permit him to dispose of the wood he has on hand.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Mr. Koshak be granted an extension of six months, for the removal of wood from his property. 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.

At 9:35 P.M., on motion of Councilman Cucci, seconded by Councilman Powell, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance