

Torrance, California
June 22, 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, June 22, 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 June 8, 1943; and of the Adjourned Regular Meetings held June 15 and June 18, 1943, be approved as written. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Torrance Branch, American Red Cross, thanking the Council for the Black-out curtains, which the City had placed in their Torrance headquarters.

A communication was read from the Board of Public Works, City of Los Angeles, acknowledging receipt of Clerk Bartlett's notification to them that the City of Torrance had authorized the expenditure of \$90.00 to complete the resurfacing of 213th Street, and advising that the Engineer-Director of the Bureau of Maintenance has been advised accordingly.

A communication was read from the Joshua Hendy Iron Works, addressed to Mr. C. Z. Ward, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, and in turn submitted by him to the City Council, wherein the Joshua Hendy Iron Works advise the City that they are terminating their contract for bus service, as of July 1, 1943, due to the fact that their employees are not utilizing the services of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines in sufficient numbers to justify the cost to them.

Mayor McGuire asked Mr. Ward, Bus Manager, if their action was in conformity with their contract. Mr. Ward replied that it was.

Councilman Babcock moved that the contract with the Joshua Hendy Iron Works for bus service to and from their plant be terminated as of July 1, 1943, as per their letter to Mr. C. Z. Ward, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. 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.

A communication was read from Engineer Jain, recommending the installation of traffic islands at the intersection of Cabrillo Avenue, Carson Street and Cravens Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$505.00; which communication had previously been read at a meeting of the Council held June 15. No action was taken.

A communication was read from the Civil Service Board, recommending that Capt. E. M. Ashton and Chief Stroh, of the Police Department, be permitted to work in lieu of taking a vacation, and that they receive their vacation pay by July 1, 1943.

Councilman Powell moved that the recommendation of the Civil Service Board be approved, and that Capt. E. M. Ashton and Chief Stroh be allowed to work instead of taking a vacation; and that they receive their vacation pay by July 1, 1943. 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 was read from City Attorney McCall, addressed to the City Clerk, giving his legal opinion on the subject of whether the City of Torrance can legally loan the ambulance, which was donated to the City by the Kiwanis Club, to the American Red Cross, or any other organization. Mr. McCall stated it was his opinion that the City could not legally loan the ambulance to any organization, except for the purposes set forth in the Agreement with the Kiwanis Club.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Torrance Branch of the American Red Cross be notified of the legal opinion submitted by the City Attorney concerning the loaning of the ambulance, which had been presented to the City by the Kiwanis Club. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1585

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 Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1585 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

OPTION AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, OF THE STATE'S TITLE TO CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN SAID CITY AS PROVIDED BY DIVISION 1, PART 6, CHAPTER 8, ARTICLES 1 AND 2, OF THE REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Option Agreement for the purchase of Tax Deeded Lands in the City of Torrance. 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.

Councilman Cucci brought up the subject of Juvenile Delinquency, which had been discussed at a meeting of the Council held June 8, 1943, and asked Rev. Wheeler if he was ready to make a report.

Rev. Wheeler reported that the temporary committee, as appointed by the Council had met informally and had agreed whole heartedly with the recommendation of Chief Stroh that there should be a Curfew at 9:30 o'clock P.M., which would apply to all children under sixteen years of age, not accompanied by adults; and plans were being worked out for an honor system for children between the ages of thirteen and sixteen. He also suggested that the Municipal Park be closed at sundown, and recommended that the City Council investigate the possibility of constructing a skating rink.

Following a short discussion, Councilman Cucci moved that City Attorney McCall be authorized to draw up an Ordinance, under the direction of Rev. Wheeler, embracing the recommendations of the Committee on Juvenile Delinquency, and that the ordinance be ready for submission to the Council at its next regular meeting. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci stated that there is a very unsanitary condition at the southeast corner of 203rd Street and Arlington Avenue, which has existed, to his knowledge, for more than a year. Whereupon he moved that the City Clerk be authorized to notify the County Health Department to make an investigation of the unsanitary conditions existing at the southeast corner of 203rd Street and Arlington Avenue, and that he submit his report and recommendations to the City Council as soon as possible. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock brought up the matter of approving the proposed alignment plan of the County Regional Planning Commission for the future extension of Los Angeles Street, along 203rd Street, as discussed at the meeting of the Council on June 15. He stated that he had personally looked over the situation and saw no objection to the proposed plan.

Following a short discussion, Councilman Hitchcock stated this should be done by resolution and instructions given to the City Engineer to prepare a set-back ordinance on 203rd Street to control building along this Street; and the City Clerk be authorized to send a copy of the resolution to the County Regional Planning Commission.

Whereupon Councilman Hitchcock moved the adoption of:

RESOLUTION NO. 1586

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING ALIGNMENT PLAN
FOR 203rd STREET (EXTENSION OF LOS ANGELES
STREET) AS SUBMITTED BY THE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.

And that a copy of said Resolution be sent to the Regional Planning Commission. 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 the City Engineer be authorized to prepare a set-back ordinance to control future building along 203rd Street, for the proposed 100 ft. major highway. 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 \$3157.31 be made for the repair of curbs and resurfacing of 213th Street by the Griffith Company; explaining that this constitutes 90% of the work done to date; the remaining 10% being withheld by the City until thirty-five days after final acceptance of the job. 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 Engineer Jain be authorized to employ Herman E. Pickett, as Chief Mechanic at the City Garage, at a salary of \$220.00 per month, effective June 18, 1943, to replace Lester Fix, resigned. 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 the Civil Service Board be requested to make a recommendation regarding the status of Mr. Pickett, and to submit their report at the next regular Council meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to temporarily employ a relief man in the Electrical Department, at a salary of \$1.25 per hour, to replace Mr. Oscar D. Butterfield while on vacation. 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 the City Engineer be authorized to expend not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the improvement of intersections and drainage on Cabrillo Avenue, between Carson Street and Plaza del Amo. 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 stated that in regard to the request of the Doak Aircraft Company for permission to dump broken glass in the City Dump, which was discussed at the meeting of the Council held

June 18, he had since learned that there was approximately three thousand tons of this broken glass, and suggested that this request be referred to the Council as a whole for investigation before granting the Doak Aircraft Company permission to dump this large quantity of glass in the City Dump.

Councilman Babcock moved that an appropriation of \$942.55 be made to overhaul the drive shaft, front and rear wheel assembly, front and rear springs and brakes, steering assembly, radiator, wiring and lighting system, on Motor Bus No. 105, by the White Motor Company, of Los Angeles. 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 \$938.35 be made to overhaul the motor block, starter, generator, fuel system, clutch, transmission, differential assembly on White Motor Bus, by the White Motor Company. 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.

Mr. W. H. Stanger, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, requested the Council to award the contracts for Ammonia and Chlorine.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into a contract with Luippold Engineering Sales Company, to supply the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 with Ammonia for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1943 and ending June 30, 1944, on the same terms as their previous contract. 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 the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into a contract with Luippold Engineering Sales Company, to supply the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 with liquid Chlorine for water treatment, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1943 and ending June 30, 1944, on the same terms as their previous contract. 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 moved that Mr. W. H. Stanger, Manager of the Water Department be authorized to employ Mrs. Edith B. Smith for a period of three months from June 1, 1943 to August 31, 1943, at a salary of \$140.00 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.

Engineer Jain stated that several applications for employment had been received from boys under eighteen years of age, and asked the Council whether the employment of such boys would meet with their approval; stating that he had been informed some of the industrial plants were employing them.

After a short discussion, Mayor McGuire suggested that the Insurance Carrier be requested to give their opinion regarding the liability of the City in such cases.

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

At 8:30 P.M., on motion of Councilmen Babcock, seconded by
Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned until Monday, June 28,
1943, at 7:45 P.M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance