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Torrance, California
August 2, 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 Ad-
journed Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance,
California, on Monday, August 2, 1943, at 5:30 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.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Jones and Gilbert, Civil Engineers, advising that plans for the improvement of 203rd and 204th Streets, between Denker and Western Avenues; and Harvard Blvd. between a point 120 ft. north of 203rd Street and 205th Street, are being submitted to the City Engineer's office at San Pedro; that it is proposed to construct curb returns in Western Avenue at 203rd and 204th Streets, and to pave out to the existing pavement in Western Avenue with two inches of rock and oil on a six inch decomposed granite base; and requesting that the work in the City of Torrance be constructed under the supervision and inspection of the City Engineer of Los Angeles, since the majority of the improvements are located in the City of Los Angeles.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication from Jones and Gilbert be referred to the City Engineer for his advice and report at the next regular meeting of the Council on August 10th. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the State Division of Highways, enclosing Memorandum of Agreement, in triplicate, covering the expenditure of $\frac{1}{4}$ cent gas tax for State Highways within the City of Torrance for the 1943-45 biennium; and enclosing a suggested form of resolution for execution of the agreement by the City.

Clerk Bartlett then presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1593

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING MEMORANDUM
OF AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF $\frac{1}{4}$ CENT
GAS TAX ALLOCATED FOR STATE HIGHWAYS.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1593 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.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Boyer, of Thrifty Building Service, Inc., apologized to the Council for the statement made at the previous Council meeting that they had been promised curbs and sidewalks, as well as street surfacing, on the streets around their property in Block 12, Tract 4070, as he had later discovered that he was in error and that the City had promised to surface the street only.

Following some discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Council go on record as agreeing to surface the streets around Block 12, Tract 4070, with a one inch rock and oil pavement within a reasonable time after the completion of the housing project; and that the City Engineer be authorized to get figures and data and see that the necessary funds are appropriated for this street improvement work. 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.

Engineer Jain called attention to the fact that some changes would be necessary in the plot plan, as submitted by Thrifty Building Service, Inc., which showed 16 ft. and 18 ft. building setbacks, while the City Ordinance called for a 20 ft. setback.

Mayor McGuire suggested that the City Engineer and Mr. Boyer get together and reach an understanding in regard to this matter.

Mayor McGuire stated that Mr. Bannerman, of Investment Underwriters, Inc. had been promised a decision in regard to matters requested at the last Council meeting, and inquired if Mr. Bannerman was present.

In the absence of any representative of Investment Underwriters, Councilman Cucci moved that Mr. Bannerman be advised that the Council was willing to trade the two lots in Tract 9901 known as "Madrid Avenue" for Lot 2 of said Tract; that the City would deed his Company those portions of Lots A and B, Tract 9901 that adjoin on the North, all parcels covered by Option Agreement to purchase dated April 21, 1943, as soon as the necessary legal procedure was completed; that the City would consent to a ten foot setback on both sides of 203rd Street, from Lot 40 westerly to Crenshaw Blvd.; but that the City rejected the request that the City install sewers in this Tract due to the fact that Metropolitan Sewer District No. 5 contemplates the installation of a 21" sewer trunk line along 203rd Street, which would parallel. 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.

Chief of Police Stroh advised that he and Fire Chief McMaster had attended a meeting in Los Angeles in regard to mutual aid between cities, in case of a war emergency, and the sending of fire equipment from one city to another; stating that there is a form which has to be signed by the Mayor authorizing the Fire Chief to furnish equipment when needed in other localities. He advised that under this plan Torrance couldn't expect any aid from Gardena or Redondo as they have only one pumper, but would have to rely on Los Angeles for aid.

Following some discussion, and as this mutual aid plan appeared to be mandatory on the City, Councilman Powell moved that the Fire Chief be instructed to comply with the mutual aid plan requesting that fire equipment be sent to other cities in case of a war emergency, and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement. 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.

Chief Stroh stated that he had been requested by Fire Chief McMaster to advise the Council that the Government had requested the return of all gas masks which would then be replaced by a new type of civilian mask; that Chief McMaster had requested that someone be assigned to assist him in securing the return of these gas masks.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Fire Chief consult with the City Engineer, and that a man from either the Park or Street Department be delegated to assist him in the collection of the gas masks. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Babcock stated that he was informed the County and City of Los Angeles, as well as many other communities, are now hiring all employees under a war emergency measure, and all such employees would be classified as "War Emergency Employees" for the duration of the war, and at the close of the war they will give competitive examinations to fill all positions filled by such war emergency personnel.

Chief Stroh stated that he had attended a meeting of the County Civil Service Commission, in company with Chief McMaster and the Secretary of the Civil Service Board, Mr. Bradford; at which meet-

ing a simplified examination procedure was explained, for the filling of temporary positions in the Police and Fire Departments. By this plan applications would be received in Los Angeles, examinations given the same day, applicant notified of result, and referred to the personnel clerk for employment.

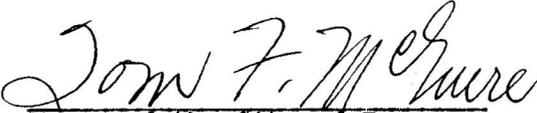
Councilman Babcock moved that the Council go on record as hiring only emergency employees during the period of the present war emergency, and that the present "temporary employees" be reclassified as "War Emergency Employees"; this arrangement to apply to all departments of the City. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The matter of the Curfew law was discussed at considerable length, and Chief Stroh advised that he called the Los Angeles Police Department in regard to issuing permits to boys over fourteen years of age who live in the Shoe String Strip, and was advised that it was agreeable for the City of Torrance to issue such permits, but if the boys were picked up in the Los Angeles area after 9:30 P.M. the permits would be taken away from them. However, Chief Stroh was informed that Los Angeles did not have sufficient police to patrol the Shoe String area.

At 6:30 P.M. on motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.


 City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


 Mayor of the City of Torrance