

Torrance, California  
August 17, 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 Tuesday, August 17, 1943, at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilman: 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 Pat MacDonnell, District Manager, War Housing Center, setting forth the fact that the Nation's vast war production program, which has required the building of new plants and expansion of factories in many communities, has created a critical housing condition. He stated that the Government's program for providing additional housing can be augmented by local property owners and tenants supplying additional living accommodations and for these reasons was in favor of the Lancaster conversion.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1599

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUITCLAIM DEED  
FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD  
SAME IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1599 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1600  
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING MEMORANDUM  
OF AGREEMENT FOR ACCUMULATION OF  $\frac{1}{4}$   
CENT GAS TAX ALLOCATED FOR STREETS  
OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1600 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 347

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
FIXING THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1943.

Councilman Cucci moved that Ordinance No. 347 be adopted for first reading. 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.

The appeal of Mrs. Mildred P. Lancaster from the decision of the City Planning Commission, who denied her petition for variance and conditional permit for conversion of her 10-room house at 1503 Post Avenue into a 4-unit apartment house, with the request that a variance be granted from the R-1 Zone, was considered at this time.

Councilman Powell moved that the variance request of Mrs. Mildred P. Lancaster, which was denied by the Planning Commission, be granted by the City Council; and that the Council go on record as suggesting to the Planning Commission that Blocks 13, 14, 25 and 26, Torrance Tract, be rezoned from Zone R-1 to Zone R-3.

A discussion followed this motion, Mayor McGuire asking Councilman Powell if he did not wish to make two motions, one granting the variance and the other advising the Planning Commission of the action. Councilman Powell stated he wanted it all in one motion.

Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire, who stated that he was standing by the decision of the Planning Commission. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 5:20 P.M., on motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Powell, the meeting adjourned.

  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Amended  
9-24-43