

Torrance, California
December 28, 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, December 28, 1943, at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll; those answering present being Councilmen: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. Absent: Councilmen: Cucci.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag!

Councilman Babcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held December 14, 1943, be approved as written. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A report from the General Petroleum Corporation of California was read; being a Statement of gross receipts from all sources arising from the use, operation or possession of franchises during the period from November 1, 1942 to October 31, 1943, and showing gross receipts of \$397.53. This report was ordered filed as a matter of record.

A communication addressed to the City Engineer was read, advising that numerous complaints had been received concerning the rough condition of Palos Verdes Drive between the Torrance-Redondo Beach city limits and Torrance-Palos Verdes Estates city limits, and requesting that this street be improved.

Councilman Babcock moved that the communication be referred to the City Engineer for his recommendations. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication addressed to the City Engineer was read, requesting that he volunteer to serve as a member of the League Committee on Public Works and Planning.

Mayor McGuire asked Engineer Jain if he had any definite information as to how much work and time would be involved, if he were to accept such an appointment.

Mr. Jain replied that a previous communication indicated that there would be a certain amount of travel and work involved but did not know how much.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that he thought the Engineer had plenty to do and would not recommend the acceptance of this appointment at the present time.

Mayor McGuire concurred in this, but suggested that Engineer Jain contact Mr. Richard Graves, Executive Secretary of the League of California Cities and see if he could obtain more definite information.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1620

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE RELATIVE TO WORKMEN'S
COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR VOLUNTEER
CIVILIAN DEFENSE WORKERS.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1620 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1621

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCOUNTING TO THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR CERTAIN SALES
MADE PURSUANT TO AN EXISTING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE SAID CITY AND THE SAID COUNTY.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1621 be adopted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1622

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUITCLAIM DEED
FROM PACIFIC LAND AND TITLE COMPANY
AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO
RECORD SAME IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY
RECORDER.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1622 be adopted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Powell moved that Mrs. Myrtle Schumacher, Desk Clerk in the Police Department, be granted an increase in salary to \$155.00 per month; stating that this increase in salary was recommended by the Chief of Police as Mrs. Schumacher had completed her six months probationary period as of December 21, 1943.

Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Powell read a communication from the Chief of Police recommending the installation of reflectorized signs at the intersection of Marcelina and Arlington Avenues; the intersection of Arlington, Engracia and Eldorado Street; and the intersection of Manuel Avenue, Watson and 218th Streets; also recommending a sign at the corner of Arlington and Marcelina Avenues, indicating the

Business District with arrow on Marcelina.

Councilman Powell moved that the Chief of Police be authorized to contact the Automobile Club and to purchase the necessary reflectorized signs. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Powell remarked that at the last Council meeting, held December 14th, there was a discussion regarding damage to streets in Walteria resulting from the overflow of Mr. Quandt's water tank, and that the City Clerk had been requested to notify Mr. Quandt to appear before the City Council on Friday, December 18th, which he failed to do.

Clerk Bartlett advised that he had notified Mr. Quandt, as he had been instructed to do, but that Mr. Quandt said it would be impossible for him to appear on that date; but that Mr. Quandt had assured him there would be no further trouble from the overflow of his tank as he had installed an automatic shut-off.

Mayor McGuire instructed Clerk Bartlett to request the City Electrician, Mr. Butterfield, to make a personal inspection of Mr. Quandt's pumping plant and tank, to see that the proper installation has been made.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Clerk Bartlett communicate with Mr. Quandt and request him to inform the Council by letter as to what changes and installations of electrical equipment he has made, to prevent the further overflow of his water tank, and damage to the streets in that district. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Marvin M. Ingram be employed as Park Maintenance Man, at a salary of \$155.00 per month, effective December 27, 1943, as a War Emergency employee, to replace Mr. Jacob Zimmerman who has been transferred to the Street Department. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the expenditure of not to exceed \$100.00 be authorized, for the purchase of pipe and fittings for the installation of a watering system in the new Arlington Avenue Parkway. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the expenditure of not to exceed \$500.00 be authorized, for the reconstruction of the intersection of Carson Street and Western Avenue; the work to be done by the City of Los Angeles, and one-half of the cost thereof to be paid by the City of Torrance. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the expenditure of not to exceed \$650.00 be authorized, for roadway excavation around Block 12, Tract No. 4070; being on Greenwood and Hickory Avenues, and Sonoma and Eldorado Streets. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Babcock moved that the wages of Mrs. Florence Hall, assistant in the Arlington Avenue Recreation Center, be increased from fifty cents to sixty-five cents per hour, effective January 1, 1944. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitch-

cock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT:
COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Babcock moved that Mrs. Minnie Smith be employed as a part-time employee in the Recreation Department, at a salary of sixty-five cents per hour, effective December 15, 1943. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Babcock stated that about a month ago he requested that the Councilmen meet with the Civil Service Commission with reference to a disagreement in the Bus Department, and requested the Secretary of the Civil Service Board to notify the Councilmen, and Mr. Ward of the time and place of the next meeting of the Civil Service Board.

Mayor McGuire inquired of Attorney McCall if he had anything to report regarding the proposed subdivision in North Torrance by Mr. Warfield.

Attorney McCall replied that Mr. Warfield should prepare a map showing the location of the proposed well or wells, pipe lines and laterals which he proposes to build.

Following some discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be instructed to communicate with Mr. Warfield and request him to prepare maps of his proposed subdivision, showing streets, water well and pipe lines, sewer lines and any other installations he planned to make; and to personally appear before the City Council with this information at some early date. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor McGuire moved that a resolution be adopted by the City Council of the City of Torrance, expressing appreciation for the services of June Whitt, Clerk and PBX Operator, who has resigned her position, effective December 31, 1943, as she has volunteered for the Navy as a WAVE. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor McGuire moved that an appropriation of \$95.00 be made for the purchase of one "Bob White" Electronic Box Locator for the Water Department. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Mayor McGuire moved that Mr. Stanger, Superintendent of the Water Department, be authorized to sign a Pledge of Mutual Aid and Reciprocity for the protection and maintenance of the public water supply under emergency conditions; which action had been requested by the Los Angeles County Defense Council. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Babcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

At 8:15 P.M., on motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Babcock, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance