

Torrance, California  
February 8, 1944

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, February 8, 1944, 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 Babcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held January 25, 1944, and of an Adjourned Meeting held January 31, 1944, be approved as written. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Tide Water Associated Oil Company, addressed to the Clerk, Board of Trustees, reporting that for the twelve months preceding February 1, 1944, said Company derived no earnings from the use and ownership of pipe line constructed under Franchise Ordinance No. 127. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Ed Smithson, Agent for Groffs United Shows, requesting permission to conduct their shows in Torrance for six days, commencing February 22, 1944, and agreeing to pay the City the daily license fee.

Clerk Bartlett advised that this license fee would be \$50.00 per day, or \$300.00 for the six days.

Councilman Cucci moved that the Groffs United Shows be granted a license to show in Torrance for six days, commencing February 22, 1944, and that the regular license fee of \$50.00 per day be charged. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from The Floss Hayden Musical Comedy Company, making application for a license to produce their musical comedy shows in Torrance some time in the month of March, for a period of six nights.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that The Floss Hayden Musical Comedy Company be granted a license to show in Torrance during the month of March, for a period of six nights, and that a license fee of \$10.00 per day be charged. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Wm. R. Staats Company, addressed to Mr. W. H. Stanger, Superintendent of the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, offering to sell a \$1000.00 Torrance M.I.D.#1 6% Bond due July 1, 1964 to yield 3%, at a price of \$1450.00, and accrued interest of \$6.50, or a total of \$1456.50; the purchase of said Bond being recommended by Mr. W. H. Stanger.

Councilman Babcock moved that the Superintendent of the Torrance Municipal Water District be authorized to purchase the Bond offered by Wm. R. Staats Company in their letter of February 3, 1944. 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 Mr. Richard Graves, State Director of Civilian Defense, addressed to A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk, advising that the Torrance Civilian Defense organization was duly certified by the California State War Council, at a meeting held on January 31, 1944, as an "Accredited Civilian Defense Organization" in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 920, Statutes of 1943, and the rules of the War Council.

A communication was read from Mrs. M. O. Ellis, objecting to the noise caused by the Friday night dances at the Torrance Auditorium.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that a copy of this letter be sent to the Chairman of the Service Men's Foundation with the request that an attempt be made to abate this nuisance, if possible.

Councilman Powell offered an amendment to the motion, that the Council as a whole look into the proposition of sound-proofing the west side of the Auditorium, which might deflect this noise away from the apartment house. Councilman Hitchcock consented to the amendment. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Weston Investment Company, advising that the operating companies for the Rubber Reserve Company's new synthetic rubber plant, including the Dow Chemical Co., Shell Chemical Co., Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. and the United States Rubber Co., are desirous of using an abandoned gravel pit on their property for disposing of their industrial wastes; the exact amount and nature of this waste material being not known at this time; and requesting permission to utilize this gravel pit for the above purpose.

Mayor McGuire advised that the gravel pit referred to was located up in the hills, near the Dicalite Company.

Engineer Jain reported that Mr. McCole had called on him with reference to the disposal of this waste material, and had suggested that the Council appoint someone to go with him and examine the nature of the materials.

After discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication from the Western Investment Company be referred to the Council as a whole for further investigation. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Frank L. Perry, Attorney-at-Law, representing the P. S. Venable Estate, making inquiry as to whether the City was interested in acquiring all or part of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, in Block 5, Walteria Tract; stating that this is the property now being rented by the City at \$10.00 per month.

Councilman Babcock moved that the City Clerk be authorized to communicate with Mr. Frank L. Perry and make inquiry as to the cost or price of said Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and in Block 5, Walteria Tract, which lots are now being rented from the P. S. Venable Estate for the Walteria Recreation Hall, and to report at the next Council meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting the use of the Civic Auditorium for the forthcoming proposed visit of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce and Federation of Improvement Associations, Thursday, March 9, 1944.

Councilman Babcock moved that the Chamber of Commerce be granted the use of the Civic Auditorium for the meeting and dinner of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce and Federation of Improvement Associations, on Thursday, March 9, 1944. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Walteria Civic Organization requesting that the State Highway Commission be asked to install Stop and Go Signals at the intersection of Hawthorne Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway.

Councilman Powell moved that the request of the Walteria Civic Organization be complied with, and the City Clerk authorized to write the State Highway Department requesting that Stop and Go Signals be installed at the intersection of Hawthorne Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion.

Mayor McGuire suggested that the City Engineer be authorized to write the letter to the State Highway Department.

Engineer Jain advised that this matter had been taken up with the State Highway Department about a year ago and that the cost of installing these signals would be approximately \$3,000.00.

Councilman Powell changed his motion, and stated that the City Engineer be authorized to communicate with the State Highway Department with reference to installing such automatic signals. The motion, as amended, was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Walteria Civic Organization, thanking the City Council for cleaning up the grounds and making repairs to the Walteria Civic Center. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Walteria Civic Organization, requesting that the Street Department use the grader to clean the gutters, and repair holes in the streets in Walteria, which are in bad shape.

Councilman Babcock moved that the communication be referred to the City Engineer and Street Department for action. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Joseph H. Dasteel, Attorney-at-Law, recommending Mr. Charles F. Koors for the position of Manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines; advising that he understood Mr. Koors had made application for this position.

Councilman Babcock moved that the communication from Mr. Joseph H. Dasteel be filed for future reference. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City Engineer, advising that Mr. Oscar Butterfield has been appointed as a member of the Post-War Planning Committee, Southwest Section of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors; and also has been appointed a member of the National Committee for the same organization; and requesting that the Council officially approve these appointments.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Cucci moved that this communication be held over for further study and recommendation. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Civil Service Board, submitting certain proposed amendments to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations to the Council for approval and adoption.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the amendments to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations, as submitted by the Civil Service Board, with their letter of February 3, 1944, be approved and adopted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Civil Service Board, advising that Mr. Howard P. Raymond had been elected Chairman of the Board, succeeding Mr. Bernhard D. Bunje; and that the term of Mr. H. B. Dunn expired on January 15, 1944, and requesting that he be re-appointed for another term of six years, or his successor be appointed. Also, advising that the Civil Service Board recommended an increase in salary for Mr. Ernest A. Treloar.

Councilman Powell moved that Mr. H. B. Dunn be re-appointed to the Civil Service Board for a full term of six years, effective January 15, 1944. 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 inquired if the Council wished to take any action on the recommendation of the Civil Service Board in reference to an increase in salary for Mr. Ernest A. Treloar.

Mayor McGuire said he would like to talk with Mr. Ward regarding this matter and suggested that the matter be held in abeyance. The Mayor added that he thought the Council should go on record thanking Mr. Bunje for his fine service to the Civil Service Board and the Council; and moved that the City Clerk be authorized to write a letter to Mr. Bernhard D. Bunje thanking him, in behalf of the Council, for the fine service he has rendered on the Civil Service Board. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Tom F. McGuire, President of the Los Angeles County Division, League of California Cities, advising that a committee had been appointed to contact the County Board of Supervisors concerning the allocation of funds apportioned by the State of California for post-war planning, with reference to changing this allocation making it more equitable for the unincorporated area and the cities. Attached to this letter was the report of this committee, which was also read.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication from the League of California Cities, together with the committee report, be turned over to the City Engineer, and that he be authorized to submit to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors a list of eligible major street projects within the City of Torrance.

A communication was read from Lebow and McNee, protesting the fees charged for skidding three oil derricks, as covered by Building Permits Nos. 5168, 5169 and 5172; stating that the fee of \$10.00 each for these permits had been paid under protest, and requesting a refund of \$24.00.

In reply to an inquiry from Mayor McGuire, Engineer Jain stated that the fee of \$10.00 for each derrick skidded was the same as the fees charged by the City of Los Angeles. Mr. Jain further advised the City has always made a flat charge of \$10.00 for each oil derrick erected, and he considered a derrick, which has been moved from one location to another to be the same as a new structure.

Councilman Cucci moved that the action of the City Engineer in charging a fee of \$10.00 for each oil rig skidded from one location to another; as well as for each new oil derrick erected within the City of Torrance, be concurred in, and that Messrs. Lebow and McNee be notified of this decision. 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 Mr. G. Z. Ward, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, recommending that the City Council authorize the expenditure of \$465.00 for necessary changes and remodeling to be made to establish a ticket office at 1014 South Hill Street, in the City of Los Angeles; that a lease be entered into for the rental of this office, at \$50.00 per month; and that an attendant be hired to sell tickets and keep the premises clean, at a monthly salary of \$50.00, plus 10% commission on the sale of tickets; and also recommending the re-routing of the busses between 23rd Street and Olympic Street.

Councilman Babcock moved that the Manager of the Bus Lines be authorized to contact the owner of the building at 1014 South Hill Street, in the City of Los Angeles, and secure a two weeks lease option, contemplating the permanent leasing of this building; and also authorizing him to make the necessary alterations to this building, at a cost of \$465.00. 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.

A communication was read from Mr. Ralph H. Montague, 2310 Sierra Street, advising that quite a large number of young people in the City of Torrance have become interested in the sport of archery, and requesting that the City have some hay-butts and targets installed in the City Park for the use of the residents of the community; stating that the cost for the hay-butts would probably not exceed \$50.00. Attached to this letter was a petition signed by twenty-one persons, requesting the placing of hay-butts and targets at some convenient place in the City of Torrance for the use of those interested in archery.

Councilman Cucci moved that the communication from Mr. Ralph H. Montague be referred to the Recreation Department, and that Mr. Dale Riley contact Mr. Montague about the advisability of placing hay-butts and targets in the City Park.

Mr. Montague advised that it would not require much room; probably about fifty yards at the most, and stated that there are about one hundred persons in Torrance who are interested in archery. Councilman Powell seconded Councilman Cucci's 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. 1640

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 Cucci moved that Resolution No. 1640 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. 1641

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAMES OF A PORTION OF HUNTINGTON STREET AND 203RD STREET TO DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1641 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. 350

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 197 AND PORTIONS OF SECTION 2 AND SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 136.

After some discussion, Councilman Powell moved that the bowling alleys be permitted to remain open twenty-four hours a day, and that Ordinance No. 350 be referred back to the City Attorney to be changed accordingly. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney McCall read a communication, addressed to him, from Messrs. Flint and MacKay, Attorneys-at-Law, advising that their client, The National Supply Company, wished to make application for a franchise to lay a pipe line, within certain streets in the City of Torrance, as shown on map attached, for the transmission of natural gas to its plant premises; that in the event the City Council should see fit to grant this franchise, the Company would like to have permission to proceed with the installation of the pipe line pending the granting of the franchise; and suggesting that an annual charge of \$40.00 a mile would be a reasonable annual charge for the privilege of exercising this franchise.

Mayor McGuire inquired of Attorney McCall if the price mentioned was the usual charge for such a franchise.

Attorney McCall replied that in this case it would be the only charge the City could make because they contemplate using this pipe line for the transmission of their own gas only.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the application of the National Supply Company for a franchise to lay a six inch pipe line for the transmission of natural gas, from 227th Street to the premises of said Company, be approved; and that they be permitted to proceed with the installation of the pipe line pending the granting of the franchise. 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 Powell stated that Fire Chief McMaster recommended that the fire hydrant at Elm Avenue and Monterey Street be moved to the corner of Greenwood Avenue and Sonoma Street; and that the hydrant at Greenwood and Monterey be moved to the corner of Carson Street and Oak Street.

Councilman Powell moved that the recommendation of the Fire Chief be concurred in and the Water Department be authorized to make the changes as requested. 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 Powell moved that Harry Thompson, Patrolman and Radio Patrol Operator, who has been with the Police Department since September 22, 1943, be given an increase in salary from \$160.00 to \$195.00 per month, effective February 1, 1944. 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 Powell moved that Mrs. A. Sperry be employed as a Crossing Guard in WALTERIA, at the prevailing wage of 70¢ per hour, effective February 7, 1944. 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 Cucci said he had received a communication from the WALTERIA Civic Organization regarding misdemeanors by minors, and stated that a few weeks ago a complaint was brought up from the floor regarding vandalism, and he had stated at that time that these juveniles should be taken into custody and inquired of Attorney McCall as to whether the parents could be held responsible for their acts.

Attorney McCall replied that under our present ordinance the parents could not be held responsible.

Councilman Cucci said he thought a copy of the Juvenile Delinquency Ordinance should be sent to the WALTERIA Civic Organization, and that the Council should take this matter under advisement until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Powell suggested that the Chief of Police and the

City Attorney meet with the Council and that this Ordinance be re-drafted, as the juvenile delinquency problem was getting very serious.

Councilman Cucci said he had no objection to the Chief of Police and the City Attorney being present, and moved that a copy of the Juvenile Delinquency Ordinance be sent to the Walteria Civic Organization; and that the communication regarding vandalism be referred to the Council as a whole to be studied by them, together with the Chief of Police and the City Attorney. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci read a communication from the Southern California Fire Chief Association regarding a meeting and banquet to be held at the Elk's Temple in Los Angeles on February 18, for the Fire Chiefs and their wives; and moved that Fire Chief McMaster be authorized to attend this banquet on February 18, together with any other City Officials, who may so desire, with expenses paid. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci brought up the subject of complaints about roosters, and said he had a copy of the Los Angeles Ordinance, but wished to give the matter further study.

He also said he would like to authorize the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance for specific capital outlays.

Attorney McCall replied that he already had such an ordinance prepared.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$52.30, plus tax, be made for the recapping of two grader tires for the Street Department. 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 William G. Stevenson be employed on a temporary basis, as a mechanic in the City Garage, at a salary of \$210.00 per month, effective February 8, 1944. 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 expenditure of not to exceed \$115.00 be authorized for the purchase of one Star Brake Relining Machine for use in the City Garage. 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 Babcock moved that Henry Tyler be employed on a temporary basis as a Bus Driver, at a salary of \$170.00 per month, effective January 28, 1944. 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 Claude R. Barton be given an increase in salary to \$185.00 per month, effective January 22, 1944. 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 informed Engineer Jain that there were some bad holes in Carson Street, across from the National Supply Company's Warehouse, which needed repairing.

Engineer Jain advised that orders had already been issued to have these holes filled in.

Councilman Babcock said he believed Mr. Finch and his friends should be given a definite answer regarding the construction of a midget racing track, and stated that if we are going to construct the targets for archery, we should give them all the same consideration.

Mayor McGuire inquired as to the total cost for the concrete for such race track, and Mr. Finch replied that it would cost around \$200.00.

Councilman Cucci expressed the opinion that an effort should be made to take care of this group, but it is just a question of whether the City can put out that much money at the present time.

Mr. Finch said this matter had been brought up once before, and all the figures were around \$600.00, which was very high; that the concrete track is all that is necessary, and the members of the club agreed that if the City could see fit to put it in the Park they would assume the rest of the obligations.

He said many cities in the northern part of the State had nice tracks and they were all in the parks for the reason that it is a non-profit hobby and open to the public.

Councilman Cucci advised Mr. Finch that he would meet with him on Monday night, February 14, in the City Attorney's office, at 7:00 o'clock, P.M.

Mayor McGuire asked Chief of Police Stroh about the request made by Mrs. R. R. Smith for permission to rope off a portion of El Prado, between Sartori Avenue and Border Avenue, for the purpose of conducting an auction in connection with the War Bond drive.

Chief Stroh said he did not believe it would be necessary to rope off the entire street, but if a couple of automobile parking stalls were cleared and roped off he thought this would be sufficient.

Mayor McGuire requested Chief Stroh to contact Mrs. Smith in regard to this.

Councilman Powell asked Chief Stroh what could be done about the lights at the rear of the Civic Auditorium, as the tenants in the adjoining apartment house were complaining about the light shining into their windows.

Chief Stroh said he thought these lights could be reduced by putting in smaller lamps, or by putting shields over them.

Councilman Hitchcock inquired of Clerk Bartlett if he had written the members of the Perry Mutual Water Company in regard to the proposed sale of the water plant, and whether any replies had been received.

Clerk Bartlett replied that he had written Mrs. Gonner, Secretary of the Water Company, but that no reply had been received. At Councilman Hitchcock's request he produced a copy of the letter he had written to Mrs. Gonner, which he read.

Councilman Hitchcock said he thought each member of the Water Company should receive a copy of the letter, and moved that the City Clerk be authorized to contact Mrs. Gonner in person and obtain the names and addresses of each member of the Company, and advise each member by letter of the action of the Council concerning the disposition of the water plant. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor McGuire moved that the City Clerk be authorized to employ additional clerical help to assist in preparing for the forthcoming City Elections, at an hourly wage of 60¢.

Councilman Powell offered an amendment to this motion to make the hourly wage 70¢.

Mayor McGuire consented to this amendment to his motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor McGuire moved that Mr. Charles F. Koors be hired to act in an advisory capacity to the Transportation Committee, for approximately two weeks, with reference to bus transportation in this community. 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 funds in the amount of \$100.00 be advanced to Mr. Charles F. Koors for the purpose of carrying on this work. Councilman Hitchcock seconded this 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 brought up the matter of two-hour parking on Cabrillo Avenue; stating that about a month ago a petition had been received requesting that two-hour parking be established on the east side of Cabrillo Avenue, between Border Avenue and Carson Street; and that two weeks ago another petition was presented opposing such two-hour parking. He said that the Council had considered the matter in regard to either establishing two-hour parking or removing all parking restrictions, from both sides of Cabrillo Avenue, and asked Police Chief Stroh for his recommendation.

Chief Stroh said he had consulted the merchants on both sides of Cabrillo Avenue, and recommended that the two-hour parking be removed from Gramercy Avenue to Carson, but that it remain as it is from Gramercy Avenue north to Border Avenue.

Councilman Powell moved that two-hour parking be established on both sides of Cabrillo Avenue, between Border Avenue and Carson Street; and that the City Attorney be authorized to draw up a resolution to this effect and have it ready for the next regular meeting of the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, and carried unanimously.

Chief Stroh requested authority to have signs made by the Automobile Club.

Councilman Babcock moved that the Chief of Police be authorized to contact the Automobile Club and order signs to be placed on Cabrillo Avenue as soon as possible after the resolution is passed. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The City Attorney advised that he had re-drafted the ordinance with reference to allowing bowling alleys to remain open twenty-four hours a day, and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 350

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 197, AND SECTIONS 2 AND 3, OF ORDINANCE NO. 136, INsofar AS THEY APPLY TO BOWLING ALLEYS.

Councilman Cucci moved that Ordinance No. 350 be adopted for first reading. 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.

Attorney McCall announced that next Friday evening, February 11, at 7:30 o'clock, the Boy Scouts Court of Honor will be held at the Narbonne High School, and urged all members of the Council to attend, if possible.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Paul Slonecker of WALTERIA stated that he wished to enter a protest against the granting of permission to dump waste materials.

from the synthetic rubber plant in the gravel pit in the hills south of WALTERIA, as it may constitute a nuisance.

Mayor McGuire assured Mr. Slonecker that he would look into this very carefully.

Mr. Charles Elman, of Los Angeles, briefly addressed the Council and stated he would like to purchase one or more of the tax deeded lots in Tract No. 9901, and requested that the City Clerk advise him by letter of the price of Lots 1, 2 and 3, in said Tract.

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

At 10:00 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