

Torrance, California
March 28, 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, March 28, 1944, 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: Councilman: Cucci.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag!

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held March 14, 1944 be approved as written. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Mr. D. E. Andrew, Regional Protection Officer, Regions No. 7 and 9, advising that under the new program adopted by the California State War Council, all Regional Civilian Protection Offices will be closed, but that field offices will be maintained, and the Los Angeles Office will be located in Room 600 of the State Building, and effective April 1st, all correspondence and contact should be with that office. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the WALTERIA Civic Organization regarding the matter of water running down Neece Avenue, from Mr. Quandt's water tank and requesting that some action be taken to stop this.

Following a short discussion, Councilman Powell moved that the City Clerk be authorized to notify Mr. Quandt by letter to abate the nuisance resulting from the overflow of his water tank and the flooding of Neece Avenue, and requesting Mr. Quandt to notify the Council as to what action he proposes to take to remedy this condition; and that a copy of this letter to Mr. Quandt be referred to the Council. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the WALTERIA Civic Organization requesting a schedule of the days on which garbage is collected in WALTERIA, and advising that garbage is not being collected regularly in some sections of the community.

Councilman Babcock moved that the communication be referred to the Garbage Contractor, requesting that he notify the WALTERIA Civic Organization, and also the City Clerk, of his schedule of collection.

A communication was read from Mr. and Mrs. John R. Garner, 803 Amapola Avenue, requesting the removal of two Acacia trees at the alley on Maricopa Street, between Amapola and Madrid Avenues, as they interfere with their garden.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be referred to the Council as a whole for their inspection and recommendation. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. H. R. Douglas, 22320 Normandie Avenue, requesting permission to erect and occupy a tent house, approximately 16' x 20', on Block 50, Torrance Tract; such occupancy to be for a period of approximately six months, while they are demolishing the American Legion Clubhouse, which they have purchased, and constructing a permanent home on this property.

In reply to an inquiry from the Mayor, Engineer Jain stated that he could see no harm in granting this request as the tent house would be placed well back from the street, among the trees on this property, and it would enable Mr. Douglas to demolish the American Legion building and erect a permanent dwelling on this property, which according to their plans would be a very nice home.

Mrs. Douglas, who was in the audience, stated that she has a statement from their doctor, which she produced, advising them to move from their present home on Normandie Avenue at once, as the fumes from the Rubbercraft factory and Zinc smelter, directly west of them, were injurious to the health of their young son who is afflicted with asthma.

After some discussion Councilman Hitchcock moved that a permit be issued to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Douglas to erect and occupy a tent house, for a period of not more than six months, on Block 50, Torrance Tract. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Automatic Printing Company, requesting permission to erect a temporary frame building, 15' x 30', on the rear of Lot 4, Block 3, Torrance Tract, for the duration of the war only, and to be used for storage purposes.

Councilman Powell moved that the request of the Automatic Printing Company to erect a temporary frame building, for the duration of the war only, on the rear of Lot 4, Block 3, Torrance Tract, be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Frank L. Perry, Attorney-at-law Redondo Beach, representing the Estate of P. S. Venable, deceased, and offering to sell to the City, the five lots in Walteria, belonging to this Estate and now being rented to the City, for the sum of \$1750.00; or for the sum of \$1500.00, providing the City will take the title "as is" and take the necessary action to clear the title.

After some discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be filed for future reference. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from The Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles, transmitting a print showing proposed Amendment No. 41 to the Master Plan of Highways of Los Angeles County, and requesting any suggestions or questions, regarding the highways affected, since it affects highways within the City of Torrance.

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

A communication was read from Milky Williams Local Union 1414 (C.I.O.), requesting the use of the Torrance Civic Auditorium on Saturday, May 13, 1944, for the purpose of a departmental Mothers' Day Dance.

Councilman Powell moved that the request of Milky Williams Local Union 1414 be granted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Milky Williams Local Union 1414 (C.I.O.), calling attention "to a very unsatisfactory situation existing among the employees of the Fire Department of the City of Torrance"; the matter at issue being the question of "Cover-up" whenever there is a fire, and suggesting that this practice either be abolished, or the employees be compensated for this service; and requesting the opportunity of appearing before the Council to discuss this matter.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of Milky Williams Local Union 1414 to appear before the Council to discuss the matters mentioned in their communication, be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, and suggested that the meeting be arranged for this week.

Councilman Hitchcock amended his motion by adding that the City Clerk notify Mr. Carl D. Steele, Secretary of Milky Williams Local Union 1414, and ascertain whether he could be present at the meeting.

Mr. A. E. Treloar, President of the State, County & Municipal Workers of America, Local 360, stated that there was a Resolution and other correspondence attached to the communication from Milky Williams Local Union 1414, and requested that these communications also be read.

) Upon being so instructed by the Mayor, Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the State, County & Municipal Workers of America, Local 360; a communication from the Oil Workers International Union, dated November 18, 1943, addressed to Local No. 360; and a Resolution signed by ten members of the Torrance Fire Department; all being in reference to the matter of "Cover-up" in the Fire Department.

Mr. Jeffery, representing Local 360, addressed the Council, calling attention to the fact that the question of "Cover-up" was first brought to the attention of the Council over a year and a half ago, and requested a decision tonight.

Councilman Powell remarked that the Fire Chief was in no way to blame for the existing conditions, as it is a question of either getting a crew to adequately man the Department, or of compensating the men for their services when they are called upon to cover up.

Mayor McGuire stated that there was a motion before the house.

Councilman Hitchcock further amended his motion to read that the request of Milky Williams Local Union 1414 for a meeting with the Council be granted, and that the City Clerk be requested to contact Mr. Steele, Secretary of the Union, and arrange for a suitable date for such meeting, and to advise Mr. Steele that he may bring any representatives he may wish to the meeting. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Board of Administration, State Employees' Retirement System, addressed to the City Attorney, advising that the cost of the investigation and valuation required in the determination of the approximate contribution to be made by the City of Torrance, based on a total of 123 employees, would be \$328.75.

In reply to an inquiry from the Mayor as to the next step to be taken, Attorney McCall advised that a form accompanied the above communication, to be completed by the City, requesting the Board of Administration to proceed with the investigation and valuation, and to forward a contract to be executed by the City of Torrance; that after the survey is made the Actuary will submit a report to the Council as to how much it will cost the City and the employees, and then if the City wished to proceed with the plan it could be adopted by ordinance, or it could be submitted to the people and go on the ballot.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Board of Administration, State Employees' Retirement System, be authorized to proceed with the investigation and valuation, at a cost to the City of not to exceed \$350.00 for this survey, based on approximately 123 employees as of this date. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gucci.

A communication was read, signed by Fire Chief McMaster, and Police Chief Stroh, calling attention to the present low grade of gasoline, and recommending that the City contact the distributor and see if it is possible to get Ethyl gasoline for the use of these two departments.

Councilman Powell moved that the communication be turned over to the Purchasing Agent, and that he be authorized to contact the Distributor and make an effort to obtain Ethyl gasoline for the Fire and Police Departments' equipment. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J. A. Benell, Agent, addressed to Mr. H. E. Hitchcock, City Councilman, referring to the matter of a right-of-way for Crenshaw Boulevard through Lots 9, 23 and 24, Strawberry Home Tract, and advising that the owner, Mr. Cotton would require \$10,000.00 to clear these lots.

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A communication was read from The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, in reference to the proposed grading and resurfacing of Madrona Avenue between Carson Street and Sepulveda Boulevard; and requesting assurance that they would again be permitted to cross Madrona Avenue, should occasion arise, in the event they removed their tracks across this street.

After a short discussion Councilman Powell moved that the Railway Company be informed that they will be permitted to relay their tracks at any time in the future, should the occasion arise. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from City Engineer Jain, recommending that the Council bring before the Board of Directors of the Moneta Water Company, the request that they repair their water line along Arlington Avenue, south of 182nd Street, so as to eliminate the swampy condition existing there.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to write a letter to the Moneta Water Company, calling their attention to the leaky condition of their water main on Arlington Avenue, and requesting that this letter be read at their Stockholders' Meeting, to be held on April 3, 1944. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the State Division of Highways, in reference to the installation of signals at the intersection of Hawthorne Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway; and advising that their Traffic Department will again make an investigation at this intersection and advise the Council of the results. Matter of record.

A communication was read from City Engineer Jain, recommending that a plan-checking fee be charged for all buildings requiring design by a structural engineer or architect, in an amount equal to one-half the cost of the building permit; and that the Building Department be authorized to have this checking done through the facilities of the Pacific Coast Building Officials Conference.

Councilman Hitchcock requested Clerk Bartlett to prepare a resolution establishing a plan-checking fee, in accordance with the recommendation of Engineer Jain, and moved the adoption of:

RESOLUTION NO. 1648

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A PLAN-CHECKING
FEE FOR ALL BUILDINGS REQUIRING DESIGN BY
A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER OR ARCHITECT.

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.

A communication was read from Engineer Jain, in regard to the construction of a tennis and badminton court on Park Street, in Walteria, and submitting an estimate of the cost of the materials required for the surfacing of same, amounting to \$738.00, which figures do not include labor or equipment.

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After some discussion Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Attorney be authorized to obtain a title and the number of owners involved; and to furnish a map and draw the necessary papers for the starting of a condemnation suit. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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Following some discussion, Councilman Powell moved that the City Engineer be requested to make an estimate of the total cost of the materials, labor and equipment necessary for construction of badminton courts in WALTERIA, ~~including badminton courts in WALTERIA,~~ including basketball equipment, and present said estimate to the Council at the earliest possible date. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, and suggested that Mr. Jain confer with the Recreation Committee regarding their needs and desires.

Councilman Powell amended his motion to read, that the City Engineer be authorized to contact the Chairman of the Youth Commission with reference to the installation of badminton and basketball courts in WALTERIA district, and make an estimate as to the cost of constructing and equipping these courts. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, as amended, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Engineer Jain, advising that a public hearing was held by the City Planning Commission on March 21, 1944, to consider the petition of William Youkstetter for a variance to allow the conversion of the old carbon plant on Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 109, Torrance Tract, to a one story, thirty-unit apartment building; which hearing was continued to March 27, at which time a vote was taken and the petition denied. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Engineer Jain, advising that the cost of constructing a concrete runway for miniature automobile racing would be between \$200.00 and \$250.00; and recommending that this race track be placed in the triangular piece of property known as Lot P-6, lying between Border Avenue and the Border Avenue Pacific Electric tracks, southwest of the Doak Aircraft plant.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Engineer be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Griffith Company for the construction of the concrete runway for the miniature automobile race track, at a maximum cost of \$250.00. 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.

A communication was read from the California National Builders, reporting a considerable amount of theft on their construction jobs in Torrance, and requesting the cooperation of the Police Department in an effort to put a stop to this.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that a copy of this communication be referred to the Police Department. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Ward, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, enclosing a communication received from the Aluminum Company of America notifying us of their intention of terminating the additional service to their plant. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Attorneys Flint & Mackay, addressed to City Attorney John E. McCall, enclosing copies of the proposed Ordinance of the City of Torrance granting pipe line privileges to The National Supply Company.

In reply to an inquiry from the Mayor, Attorney McCall stated that it was now in order to pass this Franchise Ordinance for its first reading.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 354

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING TO THE NATIONAL SUPPLY COMPANY, A PENNSYLVANIA CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO LAY, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, REPAIR, RENEW, CHANGE THE SIZE OF, AND REMOVE A PIPE LINE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PETROLEUM, OIL, AND LIQUID HYDROCARBON PRODUCTS THEREOF, IN, UNDER, ALONG AND ACROSS CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS, HIGHWAYS AND ALLEYS IN SAID CITY.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 354 be dispensed with. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 354 be adopted for first reading. 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:

ORDINANCE NO. 351

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING TO THE TEXAS COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO LAY, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, REPAIR, RENEW, CHANGE THE SIZE OF, AND REMOVE A PIPE LINE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PETROLEUM, OIL, AND LIQUID HYDROCARBON PRODUCTS THEREOF, IN, UNDER, ALONG AND ACROSS CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS, HIGHWAYS AND ALLEYS IN SAID CITY.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 351 be adopted for second and final reading. 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:

ORDINANCE NO. 352

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR TAKING UP, DISPOSING OF, AND SELLING LOST AND ABANDONED PROPERTY, AND FOR DISPOSING OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTY.

Councilman Babcock moved that Ordinance No. 352 be adopted for second and final reading. 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:

ORDINANCE NO. 353

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF POULTRY AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS, AND AMENDING SECTION NO. 5, PARAGRAPH NO. 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 316 (OFFICIAL LAND USE PLAN AND MAP).

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 353 be adopted for second and final reading. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1649

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 Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1649 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. 1650

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LEASE WITH LOUIS S. BOSSE AND MARIE BOSSE FOR LIBRARY BUILDING IN WALTERIA.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1650 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. 1651

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING ELECTION PRECINCTS AND APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 11, 1944.

Councilman Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1651 be adopted. Councilman Powell 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 Ernest Lopp, an employee in the Fire Department, receive an increase in salary of \$10.00 per month, effective March 27, 1944, as he has completed six months service in

that Department. 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 advised that he received a recommendation from Fire Chief McMaster that a fire hydrant be installed on the south side of 213th Street, approximately 200 ft. west of Huber Street, as a hydrant at this location would provide better protection for the Defense Plant Corporation's building.

Whereupon, Councilman Powell moved that the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 be authorized to install a fire hydrant at the above-mentioned location; and that a letter be sent to Mr. Fred J. Carpenter, of the National Supply Company, and to the Insurance Carrier, advising them of this action. 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 again brought up the matter of the proposed meeting to be arranged with Mr. Steele and the Milky Williams Local Union 1414, and moved that a tentative date be set for this meeting; and suggested that it be held on Thursday, March 30, at 5:00 P.M.; and the City Clerk was authorized to contact Mr. Steele and see if this date would be satisfactory for him and the City employees, and any other representatives he may care to bring. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell announced that Councilman Cucci had just phoned in, advising that he was unable to get away from his business and would therefore be unable to be present at the meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$475.00 be authorized for additional sidewalks at the southerly end of Cabrillo Avenue, to connect with the subdivision to the south. 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 an appropriation of \$300.00 be authorized for rock on Cabrillo Avenue, south of 222nd Street, which had not previously been paved. 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 an appropriation of \$73.28 plus tax, be made for the purchase of 2.29 tons of barley hay for the horses. 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 an appropriation of \$60.60 plus tax, be made for the purchase of one weed spraying gun. 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 an appropriation of \$76.50, plus tax, be made for the purchase of 1000 gallons of Bitumuls for general street repairs. 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 expenditure of \$55.00 be authorized for the rental of three busses from Mack Auto Tours, on March 24, 1944, for the transportation of draftees to the induction center; this amount to be refunded by the Draft Board. 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 requested the Bus Manager, Mr. Ward, to meet with the Council immediately after the meeting; adding that it had been brought to his attention that bus drivers were smoking while on duty, and requested the Bus Manager to inform each driver, in writing, that he is not permitted to smoke while the busses are in operation.

Councilman Babcock stated that he wished to make this in the form of a motion. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion.

Mayor McGuire offered the suggestion that signs be installed in the busses requesting no smoking, and thought this would be sufficient.

Councilman Powell stated that if it was necessary for an ordinance to be passed to restrict smoking, that this should be done.

Mr. Ward said he thought it was a very good suggestion, to prohibit smoking on the busses since they are so crowded, but suggested that signs be installed first, and if that did not have the desired effect that an ordinance be adopted.

Councilman Babcock amended his motion by adding that the Bus Manager be authorized to install signs in the busses to the effect that the passengers, as well as the drivers, please refrain from smoking.

Councilman Hitchcock agreed to the amendment to the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Babcock stated that complaints had been received about the lack of a sidewalk on the Engracia side of the triangular park at Cota, Engracia and Manuel Avenues; and moved that the City Engineer be authorized to obtain an estimate from the Griffith Company on the cost of constructing a sidewalk on the Engracia Avenue side of this park. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett requested that the Council grant Mrs. Maude Deininger, one of the employees in his office, an increase of \$10.00 per month, stating that she had completed her probationary period some time ago, and that she was one of the lowest paid employees in his office and felt that she was entitled to an increase.

Mayor McGuire asked how much the other employees in his office were receiving. Mr. Bartlett replied that Mrs. Beamon was getting \$145.00 per month, and Mrs. Worsham was getting \$155.00 per month.

Councilman Powell moved that the request of Mr. Bartlett be referred to the Council as a whole. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion.

Clerk Bartlett objected; stating that he has tried several times to obtain increases in salary for the employees in his department and each time his request has been referred to the Council as a whole, and no action taken. He added that Mrs. Deininger is a very efficient employee and is entitled to the increase asked for.

Mayor McGuire called for a vote on the motion before the house, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor McGuire moved that the expenditure of \$922.21 be authorized for the purchase of 1008 feet of cast iron pipe for the Water Department. 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.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Charles Elman, 318 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, requested permission to speak from a "soap box" on the public streets in the City of Torrance, on April 11.

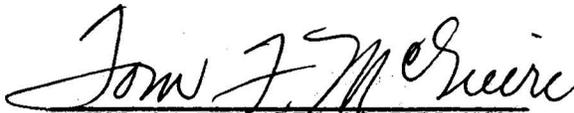
Mayor McGuire referred Mr. Elman's request to the City Attorney and the Chief of Police, and advised Mr. Elman to consult with them with regard to his request.

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.

Councilman Babcock moved that the meeting adjourn until Tuesday, April 4, 1944, at 5:00 P.M. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE