

Torrance, California
January 24, 1940

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 Wednesday afternoon, January 24, 1940 at 4:30 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

A communication was read from the Transportation Committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, urging the City Council to convey to the California Railroad Commission the desire of said Transportation Committee that favorable consideration be given to application made by Asbury Rapid Transit System to the California Railroad Commission for the purpose of serving Torrance and surrounding communities with adequate bus transportation.

Clerk Bartlett reported he had received by telephone a recommendation from Attorney McCall that a Mr. Gale be appointed as Transportation Supervisor, beginning the morning of January 25, 1940, on a day to day basis at the rate of \$2.00 per day, Mr. Gale to hire drivers, make collections and bank them in the Torrance Branch Bank of America

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Mr. Gale be appointed as Transportation Supervisor as recommended by Attorney McCall, effective January 25, 1940, at a rate of \$2.00 per day. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from The Rotary Club, urging that the City Council put forth all efforts to secure a bus line system in and out of the City of Torrance to the metropolitan area of Los Angeles. It was requested that the City Council transmit to the California Railroad Commission the Rotary Club's desire that favorable consideration be given for a suitable system to serve Torrance and adjoining communities.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communications from the Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee and the Rotary Club be submitted to the City Attorney for reference and use at the California Railroad Commission hearing scheduled January 26, 1940. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented for the approval of the City Council a letter prepared by Attorney McCall and addressed to the California Railroad Commission, said letter to be signed by the Mayor, urging the granting of certificate applied for by the Asbury Rapid Transit System to operate a bus service between the intersection of Narbonne Avenue and U. S. Highway 101 and 945 South Hill Street, Los Angeles.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the letter be approved by the City Council, signed by the Mayor and mailed to the California Railroad Commission. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

After a short discussion relative to transferring funds from the General Fund to the Transportation Fund to take care of the present transportation emergency, it was decided to discuss the matter thoroughly before taking action.

Engineer Young reported that the bids for construction of a culvert at Hawthorne Avenue and 236th Street had been examined, the low bidder being John S. Mitchell, 1238 South Ferria Avenue, Los Angeles. Engineer Young related that \$892.97 had been made available for this work by the State from 1/4 of State Highway Funds and that \$27.20 had been expended to date for engineering and blue prints, leaving a balance of \$865.77 available for the project, the difference of \$59.23 to be assumed by the City of Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock inquired why the State could not be billed for the difference, to which Mr. Young replied he felt it would be advisable to apply for the funds at a later date when a larger project is in view.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the contract for construction of a culvert at Hawthorne Avenue and 236th Street be awarded to John S. Mitchell, 1238 South Ferris Avenue, Los Angeles, as recommended by Engineer Young. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At this time, a lengthy discussion ensued relative to the cost of operating municipal busses, Mr. Isen, Mr. Pruitt and members of the City Council participating.

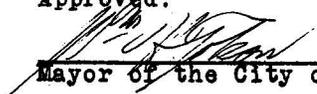
Mr. C. E. Morgan of the Los Angeles Railway Company entered a protest on behalf of the Los Angeles Motor Coach Company against the City of Torrance or the Asbury Rapid Transit System operating busses beyond 126th Street, Los Angeles, stating that the Los Angeles Motor Coach Company had operated in that territory for some time at a complete loss. Therefore, he said, any competition would be protested.

Mr. Gale appeared at this time. He was requested to remain until after the meeting for a conference with the Council.

At 5:32 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned to January 25, 1940 at 7:00 P.M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:


Mayor of the City of Torrance