

Torrance, California
August 6, 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 Tuesday afternoon, August 6, 1940 at 4:35 P.M.

Mayor McGuire being absent, Councilman Hitchcock moved that Councilman Murray act as Mayor Pro Tem until the arrival of Mayor McGuire. Councilman Powell seconded the motion. Mayor McGuire arrived at 4:36 P.M. and called the meeting to order.

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

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

A communication was read from the Planning Congress of Los Angeles County, extending an invitation to the August meeting of the Planning Congress to be held August 10, 1940 at 12:30 P.M. in the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club, Redondo Beach. Those desiring to attend the meeting were advised to contact Clerk Bartlett for reservations.

A communication was read from the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce, extending an invitation to the regular monthly meeting to be held August 8, 1940 at 6:30 P.M. at the Potrero Country Club, Inglewood, California.

A communication dated August 2, 1940, was read from the Southern District Highways Association, urging the attendance of as many as possible at a meeting of the arterial highway and land use highway committees and directors of the Southwest District Highways Association scheduled for August 5, 1940 at 7:30 P.M. at 309 South La Brea Avenue, Inglewood for discussion of proposed allocations for highway purposes in this area.

A communication was read from the Southwest District Highways Association, requesting an appropriation for membership in the Southwest District Highways Association.

A communication was read from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, inquiring whether or not the City of Torrance elects to pay out of its municipal funds all or any portion of the amount of the Metropolitan Water District tax, which will otherwise be levied upon property within the City of Torrance for the fiscal year 1940-41.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Metropolitan Water District be notified that the City of Torrance does not desire to pay any portion of the Metropolitan Water District tax out of its funds for the fiscal year 1940-41. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Edward L. Guth, 1913 Cabrillo Avenue requesting a refund of 1940-41 business license paid by him for operation of the Southern Inn.

Clerk Bartlett added that, due to illness, Mr. Guth is compelled to give up his business, which will be taken over by someone else, and that, since the business license has been used only one month and is not transferable, the Council would be justified in granting the request if it so desired.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Mr. Guth's request for refund of his 1940-41 business license be granted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles, advising that a public hearing will be held on the proposed adoption of a "Master Plan of Airports" for the County of Los Angeles, including incorporated cities therein, on August 7, 1940 at 2:00 P.M. in Room 912, Civic Center Building, Los Angeles.

Clerk Bartlett was instructed to obtain a report from The Regional Planning Commission on the meeting, since none of the members of the Council could arrange to attend the meeting.

Clerk Bartlett stated he had received a telephonic report from Attorney McCall, who, had advised that Mr. Asbury of the Asbury Rapid Transit System had requested the Railroad Commission to hold in abeyance the matter of their (Asbury's) application for permit to operate busses between Torrance and Los Angeles until the Railroad Commission has passed on the petition of the City of Gardena for a re-hearing, which petition was filed by Gardena after the decision of the Railroad Commission which granted to Asbury Rapid Transit System a permit under certain conditions, was rendered.

Clerk Bartlett reported that a representative from the Board of Equalization had called at the office and made inquiry as to the three busses now operating as the City of Torrance Bus Line, commenting on the fact that the license plates carried by the busses showed no Board of Equalization license plates. The representative had declared that in the event the busses followed a route which at any point traversed County territory, it will be necessary for the City of Torrance to apply for license from the Board of Equalization and to pay said Board 3¢ on each dollar of revenue received by the City Bus Line.

Clerk Bartlett presented a suggested form of ordinance prohibiting trespassing and loitering in the protection of vital industries and utilities, drawn by League of California Cities - national defense program and referred same to the Ordinance Committee.

An invitation to the Torrance Municipal Band to participate in the Wilmington Fiesta Association Parade August 24, 1940 was presented.

Action on this matter deferred until the next regular meeting, Clerk Bartlett to contact the Band in the meantime and ascertain whether or not they desire to participate in the event.

Clerk Bartlett presented Specifications for materials for Act of 1927 Municipal Improvement District No. 1 of the City of Torrance, together with the Notice inviting Bids, said bids to be opened at 5:00 P.M., August 20, 1940.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for Water Department Materials and to cause to be published Notice Inviting Bids for same. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, advising that the Convention Corporation, responsible for financing the 41st National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, schedules for Los Angeles, August 25-30, 1940, has appointed Dan Holmgren its representative in arranging for Charity Bazaars, proceeds of which go 100% to the Los Angeles Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention Corporation. The support and cooperation of the Council was urged. Two representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who were present were asked to give further details, but did not volunteer enough additional information to justify action at this time.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be held over until the next meeting to allow time to investigate further. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Murray moved that Councilman Powell be granted a leave of absence for the balance of the month, beginning August 7 and ending August 31, 1940. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Murray moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$270.00 be made for swings and slides for the playgrounds. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$195.00 be made for materials to repair 168th Street from Cherry Street to the west end. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$157.63 be made for alley repair between Arlington Avenue and Gramercy Avenue east and west, and between Carson Street and Plaza Del Amo Street north and south. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Babcock asked Clerk Bartlett how many copies of the suggested form of ordinance prohibiting trespassing and loitering for the protection of industries vital to national defense were available, to which Clerk Bartlett advised he had ordered five copies.

Mr. Dale Riley, Superintendent of Recreation Department, presented a request for Mr. C. A. Benzel for use of the Municipal Park from August 31 to September 2, 1940, inclusive, for a "camporal" to be conducted by the Modern Woodmen of America.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

One of the gentlemen representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars addressed the Council again at this time, requesting the Council to rescind its action taken earlier in the meeting and act favorably. He said the bazaar would consist of a tango game and other similar activities. He added that arrangements had been made to pay all indebtedness of the Moose Lodge of Torrance.

A short period of discussion followed, but no further action was taken.

Mayor McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$401.70 be made for purchase of 1 12" Clayton Pressure Reducing Valve, 150# Flanged Type for the Water Company, to be paid from the Bond Fund. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$491.51 be made for 2 12" List 13, double disc, non-rising stem, flanged gate valves, open left with hand wheel, AWWA specifications, and 2 12" List 13, double disc, non-rising stem, square bottom gate valves, open left with hand wheel, AWWA specifications for the Water Department. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$137.18 be made for 2 12" Dayton Couplings for 12" Cast Iron Pipe 150#; 1000# caulking lead; 1000# Jute long staple; 1 12" BBB-Y AWWA Specifications for the Water Department to be paid from the Bond Fund. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$328.62 be made for 1 16" Adapter Spigot and flanged, 24" long; 1 12" Adapter Spigot and flanged 24" long; 1 12" Adapter Spigot and flanged, 40" long; 2 12" Adapters, straight and flanged, 12" long; 3 12" Bends 34 degree bell and spigot cast iron AWWA; 4 12" Bends, 22- $\frac{1}{2}$ degrees bell and spigot cast iron AWWA; 1 16" x 12" x 12" all bell Y AWWA specifications for the Water Department, to be paid from the Bond Fund. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$465.73 be made for 1 16" 150# Double disc, non-rising stem, flanged gate valve, with spur gears and grease box, open left with hand wheel, AWWA specifications; 2 12" List 13, double disc, non-rising stem, hub end, gate valves, open left with nut, AWWA specifications for the Water Department, to be paid from the Bond Fund. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the action taken earlier in the meeting to hold over the matter of the bazaar being arranged by the Veterans of Foreign Wars August 25-30, 1940 for further investigation be rescinded. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that, due to the fact that the City of Torrance will obviously not derive any benefit from the bazaar being arranged by the Veterans of Foreign Wars August 25-30, 1940, the request of the Organization for support be refused. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

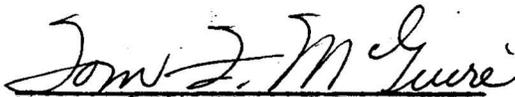
Mayor McGuire asked Councilman Powell whether or not he had received a letter advising of the League of California Cities meeting in San Diego September 16, 1940. He said he had not, but would be unable to attend, as the School term begins on the date.

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

At 5:26 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.


 Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:


 Mayor of the City of Torrance