

Torrance, California  
September 10, 1940

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 evening, September 10, 1940 at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

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

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held August 28, 1940 and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held September 3, 1940 be approved as written. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers, extending an invitation to City Attorney McCall to attend the annual meeting of the Institute at Washington, D.C. November 28, 29 and 30, 1940.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be filed. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Community Service Association, requesting a contribution from City Employees for relief purposes.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the City Clerk for collection of contributions from City Employees. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission, advising that a tentative Master Plan for Shoreline Development for the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission District had been completed. Comments were invited, either at the meeting scheduled for September 18, 1940 or in writing.

Engineer Jain was authorized to contact Wm. J. Fox, Chief Engineer of the Regional Planning Commission, and present his (Mr. Jain's) recommendations at the next meeting.

A communication was read from Technocracy, Inc., requesting permission to install two temporary signs in the City of Torrance advertising the Technocracy lecture to be held in Hollywood Bowl in the near future.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the Police Department and City Engineer with power to act. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Associated Assessment Engineers outlining interpretations arrived at regarding certain phases of the program for the liquidation of 1915 Act assessments and bonds.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1399

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A METHOD OF PAYING FOR QUIT CLAIM DEEDS SECURED BY THE ASSOCIATED ASSESSMENT ENGINEERS PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1399 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1400

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING SETTLEMENT COVERING LIQUIDATION OF INDEBTEDNESS OF 1915 ACT DISTRICTS.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1400 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 320

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING TRESPASS UPON, AND LOITERING ABOUT, CERTAIN CLASSES OF PROPERTY.

Councilman Babcock moved that Ordinance No. 320 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Hitchcock 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.

In connection with the investigation ordered of all hazardous open sump holes within the City limits, Clerk Bartlett reported having received names and addresses of practically all owners and operators of oil wells in the South Torrance district, adding that a report will probably be ready for the next meeting.

Councilman Powell moved that the Narbonne Ranch Water Company No. 3 be requested to install a fire plug at 227th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Councilman Hitchcock 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 Powell suggested that some action be taken to grant to city employees, in case of being called upon for military duty, the privilege of returning to their positions with the City of Torrance at the termination of said military service. After a short discussion, Councilman Powell moved that the City Attorney investigate the matter and, if necessary, draw up a resolution to comply with the above. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock suggested that the matter be presented for discussion at one of the League of California Cities meetings.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$399.27 be made for material for street repair of Pennsylvania Avenue from Sepulveda to 240th Street. 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 an appropriation of not to exceed \$97.79 be made for material for resurfacing main street of Pueblo. 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 W. H. Stanger be authorized to attend the Water Treatment School for Superintendents to be held at Sacramento September 16, 1940 to September 28, 1940 - (expenses 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.

Mayor McGuire moved that payment of \$120.80 be made to Associated Assessment Engineers being 20% of 1915 Act assessments collected by said Associated Assessment Engineers. Councilman Hitchcock 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.

Engineer Jain reported he had communicated with persons who requested a name for a private non-through street located between Emerald and Spencer Streets, asking for suggestions for a name, but so far had received no reply to his communication. He asked Attorney McCall whether or not the Council could issue a name for a private street, Attorney McCall answering in the affirmative.

No report was given regarding the request of Harry C. Van Honings for permit to establish a physiotherapy and massage business in the City of Torrance.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Lela Gonner of North Torrance asked what procedure should be followed to have a street name changed. Attorney McCall advised that the Council could change the name of streets within the City of Torrance on petition.

Mr. Haines of the Associated Assessment Engineers inquired about the payment authorized to be made to his company, advising he had submitted a statement for a different amount than was authorized. During the discussion which followed, it developed that the \$120.80 authorized to be paid did not include the 20% of amounts collected on R.I. 369 (Cravens Avenue). Mr. Haines pointed out that, according to the agreement, Associated Assessment Engineers should receive 20% of all amounts collected, including R.I. 369 collections, Attorney McCall agreeing.

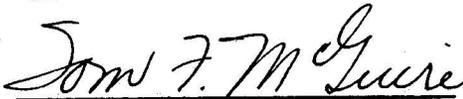
Mayor McGuire moved that his motion seconded by Councilman Hitchcock authorizing that payment of \$120.80 be made to Associated Assessment Engineers, being 20% of 1915 Act Assessments collected by said Associated Assessment Engineers, be rescinded. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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 8:30 P.M., upon 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