

Torrance, California  
October 20, 1941

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 Monday evening, October 20, 1941 at 7:45 P.M.

Councilman Babcock moved that Councilman Powell be appointed Mayor pro tem during the absence of Mayor McGuire. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Babcock, Kail and Powell. Absent: Councilmen: Hitchcock and McGuire.

All persons present in the Council Chamber Saluted the Flag!

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication addressed to City Engineer Jain was read from Interstate Commerce Commission advising that the application of the Pacific Electric Railway Company for permission to abandon their lines on Cabrillo Avenue, was granted by the Commission on October 3, 1941, effective from and after 15 days from that date.

Any action on the matter was deferred until the next regular meeting of October 28, 1941.

A communication was read signed by Fred O. Bacon and Audrey Bacon requesting the removal of a pepper tree in front of their property at 1303 Portola Street.

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

A communication was read from J. R. Shaffer, 1911 Plaza del Amo, requesting the removal of a pepper tree from his property.

Councilman Babcock asked the City Engineer to find out if the tree is located on private or city property. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Wilcox Chevrolet Company expressing their appreciation for the removal of trees on the north side of their building.

A communication was read from The Rotary Club expressing their gratification at the success of the Flower-Art & Hobby Show and thanking the Council for their generous cooperation.

A communication was read from H. Leonard Edwards, 1921 $\frac{1}{2}$  So. Burlington Ave., Los Angeles, expressing his pleasure in riding the Torrance Bus Lines and commending the drivers for their thoughtfulness and courtesy.

A communication was read from Edna Prowten, Correspondence Secretary of the High School P.T.A., commending the women crossing guards for their splendid work and requesting the Council to use their efforts in keeping them at their posts.

A communication was read from Kyane K. Daggett, Secretary, Kiwanis Club, approving the removal of tracks on Cabrillo Avenue and watching for early action on this project.

Councilman Babcock moved that the above letter, together with the communication from Interstate Commerce Commission be brought up for discussion and action, if necessary, at the next Regular meeting of October 28, 1941. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Pat MacDonnell, Secretary Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, advising that in response to recent application made by the County of Los Angeles for a P.W.A. project calling for an expenditure of approximately \$1,800,000 for immediate relief of the conditions arising from the Laguna-Dominguez during the rainy season, the Corps of Army Engineers will hold a special hearing in the Court Room of the County Building located at 100 West Queen Street, Inglewood, at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, October 28, 1941, and urging the Council to delegate someone who is conversant with conditions in Torrance.

Councilman Babcock moved that City Engineer Jain be authorized to attend said meeting of October 28, 1941. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Walteria Civic Organization protesting the unsightly condition of alleys in Walteria due to overgrowth of weeds.

Councilman Babcock moved that the matter be referred to the Street Department for attention. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A petition, signed by ten property owners, was read requesting installation of sidewalks and curbs on the west side of Fern Avenue from Torrance Boulevard to Eldorado Street.

After a short discussion on the procedure to be followed, Councilman Babcock moved that the communication be referred to the Planning Commission for study and report to the Council at their earliest convenience. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 8:00 P.M., Mayor pro tem Powell announced that the time had arrived to receive bids for the necessary labor and materials for the improvement of Plaza del Amo parkway.

Clerk Bartlett opened and read bids as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Vido Kovacevich 5400 Imperial Highway South Gate, California	Item 1 - 2600 lin.ft. Standard 15" P.C.C. curb	45¢ \$1,170.00
	Alternate 2600 lin.ft. 15" Combination curb and 6" x 6" gutter	61¢ 1,586.00
	Item 2 - 850 sq.ft. 3½" P.C.C. Sidewalk (Pedestrian landings)	18¢ 153.00
	Total Bid Regular	\$1,323.00
	Alternate	1,739.00

Bond in amount of \$250.00 accompanied bid.

Griffith Company 502 Los Angeles Ry. Bldg. Los Angeles, California	Item 1 - 2600 lin.ft. Standard 15" P.C.C. curb	60¢	\$1,560.00
	<u>Alternate</u> 2600 lin.ft. 15" Combination curb and 6" x 6" gutter	86¢	2,236.00
	Item 2 - 850 sq.ft. 3½" P.C.C. Sidewalk (Pedestrian landings)	18¢	153.00
	Total Bid		1,713.00

Bond in amount of \$250.00 accompanied bid.

Councilman Babcock moved that the bids be referred to the City Engineer and the Council as a whole for further study and report at the next regular meeting on October 28, 1941. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from Harry B. Sherman, 24439 Neece, Walteria, was read applying for work in the Street Department.

Councilman Babcock moved that the letter be filed. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication addressed to Dale Riley from Johnny E. Angel, Jr., Business Manager of the Torrance Indian Baseball Club, was read tendering the resignation of the "Torrance Indian" Baseball Club. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Maud H. Welch for Homeseekers Investment & Building Co., 1281 Avocado Terrace, Pasadena, protesting the ruined condition of trees in front of her property.

Councilman Babcock moved that the matter be referred to the City Engineer for attention. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from The Torrance Woman's Club stating that in the past the Chamber of Commerce had contributed funds for maintenance of the Mothers' Educational Center in Torrance, and that since funds are no longer available, requesting the Council to take under advisement a contribution.

Councilman Babcock moved that the City Attorney give a ruling at the next meeting on the legality of contributing to this cause and requesting the City Clerk to ascertain from The Woman's Club how much the Chamber of Commerce had contributed to the Mothers' Educational Center. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from Chief of Police Stroh was read recommending that stop signs be placed at the following intersections: a four way stop sign at the intersection of Post and Cravens Avenues and stop signs at the intersection of Sartori Avenue and Torrance Boulevard.

Mayor pro tem Powell moved that the request for stop signs as recommended by Chief Stroh be complied with. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Kail and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock and McGuire.

A communication from Chief of Police Stroh was read recommending that the speed limit be decreased in certain streets of Torrance which would comply with the new Motor Vehicle laws.

Mayor pro tem Powell moved that the City Attorney be authorized to draft a resolution decreasing the speed limit on certain streets of Torrance and present said resolution at the next regular meeting for approval. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication, signed by nine volunteer firemen, was read requesting that a flat guarantee minimum of \$10.00 per month be made to all call firemen assigned to the Central Station.

Councilman Babcock moved that the request be referred to the Police and Fire Committee for consideration and report at the next Regular Meeting. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication, in the form of a resolution, from the Labor Council of Torrance was read requesting use of the Civic Auditorium for one evening without charge.

Councilman Babcock moved that the communication be referred to the Council as a whole at the next regular meeting for consideration. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor pro tem Powell moved that an appropriation not to exceed \$355.96 be made for purchase of tires and tubes for the Fire Department. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Kail, and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock and McGuire.

Mayor pro tem Powell moved that an appropriation not to exceed \$58.34 be made for purchase of tires and tubes for the Police Department. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Kail and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock and McGuire.

Mayor pro tem Powell moved that an appropriation not to exceed \$61.15 be made for purchase of tires and tubes for the Street Department. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Kail and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, and McGuire.

Mayor pro tem Powell moved that an appropriation not to exceed \$335.00 be made for purchase of 100-3/4" lead goosenecks complete for the Water Department. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Kail and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock and McGuire.

Mayor pro tem Powell moved that an appropriation not to exceed \$392.04 be made for the purchase of 12-6" Gate valves, hub end, 125# double disc, open left with nut, A.W.W.A. for the Water Department. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Kail and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock and McGuire.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Haines of the Associated Assessment Engineers, explained the reasons for having to readvertise tax dedeed lots and stated that he now had a complete understanding with the Title Insurance Company and there would be no more difficulty about the sale of lots. He stated that the earliest date for opening bids on tax

deeded lots is November 4, 1941, and that his company would notify all former bidders of the date and ask them to have their written bids ready, thus giving them an opportunity to repurchase their property. It was Mr. Haines' understanding that by virtue of Ordinance No. 327 the Council might accept sealed bids if it so desires, rather than auction off the lots, and asked that Attorney McCall verify his statement.

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

At 8:29 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Kail, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Barrett  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

Wm F. McGuire  
Mayor of the City of Torrance