

Torrance, California  
March 9, 1943

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 9, 1943 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

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

All those present in the Council Chamber Saluted the Flag!

Councilman Babcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held February 23, 1943 be approved as written. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Southern California Gas Company, enclosing check in the amount of \$5,424.28 as payment in full of amounts due in conformity with the terms of the franchise under which Southern California Gas Company operates in the City of Torrance for the period January 1, 1942 to December 31, 1942, inclusive. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Southern California Edison Company, Ltd., enclosing check in the amount of \$1,391.48, representing full amount due for the period January 1, 1942 to December 31, 1942, inclusive for the use, operation and possession of Franchise Ordinance No. 204 of the City of Torrance under which Franchise said company operates in the City of Torrance. Matter of record.

A communication was read from J. W. Alford, requesting the Council to authorize the establishment of a marked parking zone on Sartori Avenue in front of the Busy Bee Cafe, to be used as a taxi stand. Chief Stroh advised that the Taxi Company at present has two designated parking zones, one located in front of Robert's Liquor Store on Sartori Avenue and one located in front of Vurpillat's Cafe on Cravens Avenue. He advised that he was of the impression that the Taxi Company intends to dispense with the location in front of Vurpillat's Cafe if granted the space in front of the Busy Bee Cafe.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of J. W. Alford that a zone be established for use as a taxi stand in front of the Busy Bee Cafe on Sartori Avenue be granted, provided the zone now used as a taxi stand in front of Vurpillat's Cafe be dispensed with by the Taxi Company. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance War Industries Committee, signed by F. L. Landon, Chairman, requesting that the Committee be afforded an opportunity to be represented in the final discussions of the proposal of Mr. Frank H. Atkinson to operate a bus service between Compton and Torrance. It was advised that the Committee is undertaking a survey to determine the needs of all war industries of this area to the end that a satisfactory overall transportation proposal may be submitted to the Office of Defense Transportation.

Councilman Cucci moved that the proposal of Frank H. Atkinson to operate a bus service between Compton and Torrance be held in abeyance until such time as the Torrance War Industries Committee has had sufficient time for study of the matter.

Councilman Hitchcock suggested that a meeting between the City Council, Chairman of the Torrance War Industries Committee, and Mr. Atkinson, or his representative, be arranged for the earliest possible date for thorough discussion of the matter.

This suggestion was approved, and Clerk Bartlett was instructed to contact Mr. F. L. Landon, Chairman, Torrance War Industries Committee, and Mr. Wallace L. Ware, Attorney for Mr. Atkinson, and determine what date will be most suitable for holding a meeting for thorough discussion of the proposal of Mr. Atkinson to operate a bus service between Compton and Torrance.

A question arose regarding date of the hearing before the Railroad Commission, Attorney McCall advising that the City will be notified several days in advance of the date by the Railroad Commission.

Councilman Hitchcock seconded Councilman Cucci's motion to hold in abeyance the proposal of Frank H. Atkinson to operate a bus service between Compton and Torrance until such time as the Torrance War Industries Committee can be allowed sufficient time for study of the matter, which motion was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Hans Wallner, Architect, advising that, inasmuch as no particular emphasis was placed on the 40-foot lot problem in the City of Torrance during the preliminary negotiations between Mr. Wallner and the City of Torrance, all three basic plans which were prepared by Mr. Wallner had been designed for 50 foot lots, which lots get the maximum rating from all agencies concerned.

He stated that, if the Council so desires, he will prepare sketches for 40 foot lots, and if sufficient inquiries are received for them to warrant further expenditure, he is prepared to make a special reduced rate for the additional plans.

Engineer Jain advised that practically all of Torrance Tract consists of 40 foot lots, with the exception of a few on El Prado, Post Avenue, and the business district. He said Mr. Wallner had estimated his cost for preparing the plans at \$100.00 each plan, and would be agreeable to preparing the plans for the City for this amount. Engineer Jain said no inquiries have been received to date for the plans.

A communication was read from Doak Aircraft Company, Inc. signed by R. H. Parkin, Secretary-Treasurer, requesting a permit to fence, grade and surface the South twenty feet of Lot 9, Torrance Tract, Block 104, together with the adjoining sixty feet of Lot 10, to be used as additional area for the Corporation's parking lot.

Engineer Jain advised that this is the street upon which the County of Los Angeles recently requested the City to establish a twenty foot setback line for the purpose of reserving the street for future use as a major highway. He added that the Doak Aircraft Company, Inc. has complied with setback regulations and wishes to utilize the twenty foot setback space as part of a parking lot. He advised that there would be no objection to this plan until such time as the street is opened.

Engineer Jain reported that his department has encountered difficulty with the Doak Aircraft Company in connection with the Company's building program. He stated that the Company has repeatedly constructed buildings without first consulting the City Engineer's office, which has resulted in buildings being erected by the Company which do not conform with building regulations. He said his office has no alternative except to require that the work be revised in accordance with regulations.

The most strenuous objection the Engineer has to the method of building, he continued, is the failure of the Company to provide fire protection; that the buildings have been constructed without fire walls. An engineer, he said, from the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific, upon investigation of the matter, has

recommended that certain measures for the provision of fire protection be followed, his suggestions being in conformity with those of Engineer Jain.

Upon question by Councilman Hitchcock as to whether or not the Doak Aircraft Company had refused to comply with regulations, Engineer Jain answered that the Company had not directly refused, but had neglected to take steps to remedy the hazardous condition.

Originally, he said, the company had started on a small scale, at which time no inflammables were manufactured, but, with expansion, other departments were added and at the present time a highly explosive paint is being used in one end of one building, in the other end of which a carpenter shop has been constructed (both of which are classed as hazardous occupancies), further adding to the fire hazard. He said the cost to the company for providing reasonably adequate fire protection would be approximately six or seven thousand dollars, but that this would represent a minor expenditure compared to loss of lives and property in the event of a disastrous conflagration.

Mr. Jain advised that Mr. Grace, Vice President of the Company, has conferred with him and has admitted that the Company will perform only the minimum work required by the City in connection with these buildings.

Engineer Jain stated that, when he presented this matter for discussion recently at a meeting of most of the building inspectors of Los Angeles County, it had been the opinion that Engineer Jain should require the Company to comply with building regulations.

It was the expressed opinion of some of the members of the City Council that the Doak Aircraft Company, Inc. had apparently been extremely negligent in not providing proper fire protection for the safety of employees of the company. Councilmen Cucci and Powell criticized the Company severely, stating that the Company had apparently completely disregarded the fact that many lives could be lost, and many injuries result, in the event of a disaster by fire.

Engineer Jain stated that, at the present time, a construction job is in progress for which no building permits have been issued, and, further, that no advice has been sought relative to building regulations. He said none of the work is contracted, and that he is told by the officials that they are so pressed for time that it is impossible to call and obtain advice and permits.

Engineer Jain stated that the buildings are quite well constructed, considering that they are all Type 5, or wood frame, construction.

Councilman Powell remarked that it appeared the Company puts the buildings up as cheaply as possible, even at the sacrifice of the safety of employees.

A communication was read from E. G. Kemp, Engineer, Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific, advising that on March 2, 1943, a representative of said company had visited the Torrance Plant of the Doak Aircraft Company, in company with City Engineer Jain, for the purpose of acting in an advisory capacity in the matter of fire separations by means of division walls. Recommendations were made for providing adequate fire protection.

After prolonged discussion, Clerk Bartlett was instructed to contact Mr. Doak, President, and Mr. Grace, Vice President, of the Doak Aircraft Company, and, if possible, arrange a meeting between the two gentlemen mentioned and the City Council for Tuesday, March 16, 1943, at an hour in the evening suitable to all concerned.

Attorney McCall stated that he was of the opinion that, in the event of a fire disaster at the Doak Aircraft Company, the City Council would have no financial responsibility, but would no doubt be subjected to severe criticism if the condition as reported continues to exist.

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A communication was read from the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles, expressing interest in knowing what projects are included within the City's immediate or post-war public works program and requesting copies of any studies or reports on the subject which may have been made.

Mayor McGuire reported that the Planning Commission to date has made no studies or reports on this matter.

Clerk Bartlett stated he had, upon instruction from the Council, forwarded notices to all Civic Organizations, requesting them to appoint representatives to meet with the Council for formation of a Committee for Post-War Planning. He said several replies have been received, and more are expected within a short time.

A communication was read from the Doak Aircraft Company, Inc., in connection with a recent request made by said company and the D and M Machine Works regarding the extension of Abalone Street over the Pacific Electric Railway Company right of way South of the Doak Aircraft Company Plant, which request, it was stated, was recently rejected by the City Council of the City of Torrance. It was urged that the Council reconsider the request and act favorably upon it, calling attention to several facts which the Company considers worthy of attention.

A brief outline was given of the traffic congestion which results due to the fact that all employees, officials and delivery trucks must enter and leave the plant by one entrance only. It was stated further that, in the event of an emergency, it would be of utmost importance that the Plant be accessible from both ends of the street.

A communication was read from the D and M Machine Works, also urging that the dead end of Abalone Street be opened across the Pacific Electric Railway Company's right of way to relieve the severe traffic conditions which now exist due to the fact that the two plants are accessible from one end of the street only.

Engineer Jain advised that the total cost of the job, including appropriations totaling \$775.00 which have been made for materials, will amount to approximately \$2160.00, this to include approximately \$200.00 for construction of a culvert.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that a serious condition exists which could be relieved by opening Abalone Street to Plaza del Amo Street. The cost, he said, does not seem exceedingly high compared to the usefulness of the road upon opening.

Councilman Gucci said he objected to doing the work unless the congestion mentioned is actually slowing up production, Councilman Hitchcock contending that employees being unable to get to their jobs because of congested traffic would definitely tend to slow production. Engineer Jain, when questioned by Councilman Gucci in this regard, agreed with Councilman Hitchcock that production is being retarded any time employees are unable to get to their jobs for any reason whatsoever.

Councilman Powell said he would agree to cooperate to the extent of doing the requested work if the Doak Aircraft Company will agree to cooperate with the City in providing adequate fire protection for employees of the Plant as recommended by City Engineer Jain.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of the Doak Aircraft Company, Inc. and the D and M Machine Works that Abalone Street be opened to Plaza del Amo Street over the Pacific Electric Railway Company's right of way, be granted, and that the City proceed to grade and surface Abalone Street per specifications, construct culverts under the crossings as necessary, and grade and surface Plaza del Amo Street; that Pacific Electric Railway Company rehabilitate the tracks and trolley lines, an easement to be granted by the Pacific Electric Railway Company to the City of Torrance without cost, the City to agree to reimburse the Pacific Electric Railway Company for expense incurred in rehabilitating the tracks and

trolley lines. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board, offering an interpretation of Section 24 of Ordinance No. 249 in accordance with a request by Mr. Treloar, President of Local 360, that an interpretation be given, Mr. Treloar advising that the City Council is desirous of having the point clarified.

This rule, it was stated, pertains to Fire Department personnel, providing for twenty-four hours leave of absence on alternate days, off-duty men to be recalled to the station only in case of need. It was stated that, inasmuch as the Fire equipment is undermanned, this section of the ordinance has been abused somewhat, resulting in some members of the department being required to work several days per month extra. It was suggested that the matter of providing adequate help to properly man the fire equipment of the City be given careful consideration by the Council in an effort to remedy the condition complained of.

Councilman Powell moved that the Rules and Regulations supplementing Civil Service Ordinance No. 249 be adhered to whenever it is possible to do so, no deviation from the Rules to be made unless absolutely necessary. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication addressed to Mr. Charles Z. Ward, Manager of Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, was read, signed by C. M. Gilbert, Bus Operator, in which Mr. Gilbert requested permission to take one week of his vacation beginning February 28 and ending March 4, 1943, inclusive. A communication from Mr. Charles Z. Ward was attached, in which Mr. Ward recommended that Mr. Gilbert's request be granted.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of Mr. C. M. Gilbert for permission to take one week of his vacation, from February 28 to March 4, 1943, inclusive, be granted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Isadore Sherman, 2741 Marengo Street, Los Angeles, requesting a permit to collect junk in the City of Torrance.

Chief Stroh advised that there have been two persons doing this work in the City, but that one man is temporarily retiring, and that, if permission is granted to Mr. Sherman, there will still be only two persons collecting junk.

Councilman Babcock moved that the request of Mr. Isadore Sherman for a permit to collect junk in the City of Torrance be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Babcock reported that, at the last Civilian Defense meeting, it had been decided to conduct a monthly entertainment, featuring interesting films, to stimulate interest in Civilian Defense activities. He said the local American Legion Post has agreed to furnish \$5.00 per month for rental of the films.

Chief Stroh reported that the Fire Department has today received 480 pump cans, for use by Fire wardens and fire watchers, which cans must be assembled. He invited anyone who has spare time to contact Chief McMaster and assist in assembling the cans, stating that about fifteen minutes must be devoted to the assembly of each can.

A communication was read from Fred E. Wilson, 1866 West 166th Street, requesting a zoning variance from Zone A-1 to Zone R-3 on the above-mentioned property. He stated that it is his desire to lease the property to the Government for War Housing purposes.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Engineer Jain be authorized to direct a communication to Mr. Fred E. Wilson, advising of the procedure to be followed in applying for a variance from Zone A-1 to Zone R-3 as prescribed by Land Use Ordinance No. 316 of the City of Torrance. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from A. M. Rosenfeld, requesting permission for a man and wife to park their house trailer on Lots 2 and 3, Block 11, Torrance Tract, being located at Cravens Avenue and Torrance Boulevard. He stated that he is the owner of the vacant service station on the property and desires to have someone live on the property and act as caretakers, stating that much damage has been wrought in the past by persons unknown to him.

Councilman Powell said he thought the request was reasonable. Councilman Babcock pointed out that this location is in the business district.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of A. M. Rosenfeld for permission to park a house trailer on the property located at Cravens Avenue and Torrance Boulevard be referred to the Planning Commission for recommendation. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Monroe J. Angel be employed on a temporary basis as a patrolman, Torrance Police Department, at a monthly salary of \$160.00, effective March 1, 1943. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of \$300.00 be made for purchase and installation of a two-way radio for the Fire Department Oldsmobile. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that, when Department Heads are taking vacations, the employee who fills the vacancy during his absence be paid the difference in his own rate of pay and the rate of pay of the Department Head whose absence is due to vacation; i.e., a person of lesser rank who acts in the capacity of Department Head of any department during the vacation absence of his Department Head shall be paid for his services at the same rate of pay as is paid the Department Head, this action to be retroactive to apply to 1942 vacation period. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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Councilman Powell moved that all employees of the City of Torrance who desire to work during their vacation periods in lieu of taking time off be allowed to do so, and that the employee, if he elects to work during his vacation period, be paid vacation pay in addition to regular earned pay, this to remain in effect for the duration of the war as a means of relieving the present shortage of help. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Babcock moved that an appropriation of \$101.67 be made for repair parts and labor for Bus No. 102, service furnished by Letcher Brothers of Redondo Beach. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that the \$40,000.00 recently loaned to the City of Torrance by Municipal Water District No. 1 be repaid at this time, constituting a transfer of funds from the General Fund of the City to the General Fund of the Water District. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell read in full a letter from the Civil Service Board of the County of Los Angeles, addressed to Mr. Jeffery, relative to the status of employees who are drafted into war work.

Mayor McGuire suggested that this resolution be referred to the Torrance Civil Service Board for study.

A communication was read from C. L. Peck, signed by L. M. Hill, submitting check in the amount of \$90.00, offered as compromise payment of building permit for a building being constructed by C. L. Peck, Contractor-Engineer, on the northwest corner of Huber and 213th Streets, Torrance, for Defense Plant Corporation.

It was stated that the City and County of Los Angeles issue permits for Defense Plant Buildings without charge, and that various architects and engineers, and also Mr. J. S. Morgan, General Superintendent of the National Supply Company, had informed Mr. Peck that the City should make no charge for a building permit for this job.

An exhaustive discussion ensued as to whether or not the City should accept the \$90.00 in full payment of the building permit amounting to \$165.00. Attorney McCall advised that approximately 90% of the cities make no charge for building permits for construction of buildings by Defense Plant Corporation, but that there is actually no law in existence which requires cities to issue such permits without charge.

It was recalled that another contractor had objected to payment of the building permit fee on a similar job, but had finally paid the full amount, under protest.

Members of the Council contended that, if one contractor had been required to pay the full amount, no exceptions should be made in the case of Mr. Peck.

Councilman Powell moved that the check in the amount of \$90.00 submitted by C. L. Peck as compromise payment in full for building permit listed at \$165.00 for a job being done by him for Defense Plant Corporation on the northwest corner of Huber and 213th Streets, Torrance, be rejected, and that the City Attorney be authorized to notify Mr. Peck that the City demands payment of \$165.00 for building permit, and that the City Attorney be further authorized to take whatever action is necessary to collect the full amount of \$165.00 from Mr. Peck. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Prior to the vote on the above motion, Councilmen Babcock and Hitchcock expressed the thought that, inasmuch as it is evident other cities are not collecting building permit fees for jobs being done by Defense Plant Corporation, the City of Torrance should not require the fees to be paid.

Attorney McCall suggested that the American Legion Building, damaged in the earthquake of 1941, be barricaded to prevent boys from doing further damage to the building and possibly being injured as a result of hazardous condition of the building.

Engineer Jain was authorized to contact Charles Dunham, Commander of the American Legion, Local Post, and determine what action the American Legion desires in this matter.

Engineer Jain advised that a request had been received by his office from persons desiring to construct four tent houses near Madrona Street on property belonging to the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company.

Councilman Powell suggested that the request be referred to the Planning Commission for recommendation.

Mayor McGuire announced a public hearing of the Planning Commission, to be held March 22, 1943, and to be reviewed by the City Council April 5, 1943, on the request for variance of zoning of eight city blocks of the City of Torrance.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Tom Babbitt, member, Torrance Civil Service Board, advised that the action taken by the Council in granting vacation leave to C. M. Gilbert had been out of order, contending that the recommendation to either grant or deny the request should have been made by the Civil Service Board.

A question arose regarding number of days vacation Mr. Gilbert had been granted, Mr. Ward, Manager, Municipal Bus Line, advising that he had been allowed five working days in accordance with the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. Mr. Ward advised he had been under the impression requests for vacation should be made to the City Council.

Mayor McGuire advised that this point will be determined and, if necessary, the action rescinded and referred to the Civil Service Board.

Chief Stroh mentioned the hazardous condition of the building located at the corner of Carson Street and Gramercy Avenue, stating that windows have been broken, and that the many children who enter the building could possibly be injured by falling glass or bricks, the building having been seriously damaged in the earthquake of 1941.

Engineer Jain reported he had endeavored many times to get action on his requests that the building be repaired or demolished, but to date has received no cooperation from the owners.

Attorney McCall advised that, in case of injury to persons as a result of the hazardous condition of the building, the City could be held liable if no steps are taken to remedy the hazardous condition of the building.

Engineer Jain advised that Mr. Rippey, Attorney for the owners, had advised that there are no funds available for repairs, and that his recommendation would be that the City do whatever work is necessary and file a lien against the property.

Attorney McCall gave a brief outline of the procedure to be followed in a condemnation suit, stating that it is a lengthy and complicated process, legislation relative to this matter having been enacted in 1941.

Councilman Babcock moved that the City barricade the building and bill the owner for expense incurred in so doing, and take whatever steps are necessary to collect from the owners.

Attorney McCall stated that the law makes no provision for barricading buildings and collecting from the owners, but that he feels the City can legally do so and collect the amount expended in so doing.

Councilman Cucci seconded the motion and offered an amendment to Councilman Babcock's motion as follows: that the building be barricaded and the City Attorney be authorized to start condemnation proceedings according to the law of 1941 referred to by Attorney McCall, and that Attorney McCall be instructed to contact the owners of the building and attempt to negotiate an agreement satisfactory to both the owners and the City of Torrance relative to action to be taken in connection with the hazardous condition of the building at Carson Street and Gramercy Avenue. Councilman Babcock accepted Councilman Cucci's suggestions and incorporated them in his original motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Crowther, Member, Torrance Civil Service Board, stated that he thought Mr. Powell's motion that all City employees who so desire be allowed to work during their vacation periods and be paid vacation pay in addition to their regular pay, was entirely out of order, contending that all matters pertaining to personnel should be referred to the Civil Service Board for recommendation. He said the Board is set up for that specific reason, and is diligent in its efforts to render fair and just decisions in all matters pertaining to personnel.

Regarding the motion made in connection with granting C. M. Gilbert one week of his vacation, Mr. Crowther said that, although the request should have been referred first to the Civil Service Board, nothing can be done at this time to remedy the action, but that it is hoped there will not be a repetition of such action in the future.

Mr. Crowther suggested that, in the future, all matters pertaining to personnel be first referred to the Civil Service Board for study and recommendation, and that all department heads be notified to this effect.

It was unanimously agreed by the Council that the motion had been out of order, and Councilman Powell expressed his desire to rescind his motion.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk be instructed to notify all Department Heads that any and all matters pertaining to personnel should be first referred to the Civil Service Board instead of the City Council in order that the Civil Service Board may study the matter thoroughly and submit a recommendation to the City Council. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell, with the comment that it had not been his intent to infringe upon the rights of the Civil Service Board, moved to withdraw his motion that all city employees who so desire be allowed to work during their vacations and be paid vacation pay in addition to regular pay for the duration of the war; Councilman Cucci seconded Councilman Powell's motion to withdraw his motion, which motion was carried unanimously.

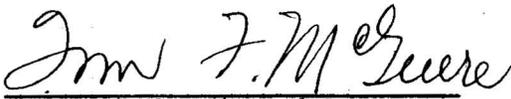
Councilman Babcock moved that the City Clerk be authorized to direct a communication to the Civil Service Board, requesting the recommendation of the Civil Service Board in connection with allowing city employees to work during vacation periods instead of taking time off, and being paid vacation pay in addition to regular earned pay, for the duration of the war, with the view of relieving the condition created by shortage of help. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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

At 9:50 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Babcock, the meeting adjourned.

  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance