

Torrance, California
April 20, 1943

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 Ad-
journed Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance,
California, on Tuesday, April 20, 1943, at 4:45 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. Ab-
sent: Councilmen: None.

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

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from City Engineer, Glenn
M. Jain, stating that he had been advised by Mr. Pine, of the firm
of Katz and Pine, that the Federal Housing Administration required
definite information as to just when the construction of curbs,
gutter, sidewalk and rock and oil surfacing will be placed on the
easterly side of Cabrillo Avenue, between 222nd Street and Plaza
del Amo, before they grant Katz and Pine priorities to construct
houses on the lots they had recently purchased from the City in that
Block. According to Mr. Pine, the F.H.A. would require this work
to be completed not later than August 31st, or upon completion of
the proposed houses.

Mr. Jain advised that the cost of these improvements would be
approximately \$2500.00.

Engineer Jain, who was present, stated that he had talked with
Mr. Gripper, of the State Highway Department, and Mr. Gripper ques-
tioned whether this work should be done, and asked whether it was
essential to the war effort. He further advised that for any im-
provements costing in excess of \$1000.00, it would be necessary to
obtain the approval of the War Production Board, and stated that

the subdividers or builders, would be in a much better position to ask for this approval than the City. Mr. Gripper advised Mr. Jain that it was not so much a question of obtaining the materials as whether this work was really essential.

Mayor McGuire suggested that Engineer Jain go up to the War Production Board with Mr. Pine, and find out whether they will allow this work to be done.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that when the request of Katz and Pine was presented to the Council, at their meeting of April 13th, he was under the impression that the improvements referred to were for the Park Knolls Tract, and he did not understand that this was a new set-up.

Considerable discussion followed, with no action being taken.

Councilman Hitchcock asked Engineer Jain about the proposed improvement of 213th Street.

Engineer Jain replied that he had also discussed this matter with Mr. Gripper, of the State Highway Department, and Mr. Gripper doubted very much whether this work would be allowed; and that if an application was filed with the War Production Board, it would require at least sixty days to obtain their decision in the matter.

After discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to proceed with the grading of 213th Street, between Border Avenue and Western Avenue, and the installation of necessary curbs and gutters to take care of drainage; the cost of which work shall not exceed \$1000.00; using County "Aid to Cities" Gas Tax Funds; and that Clerk Bartlett be authorized to advertise for bids for the resurfacing of 213th Street, between the boundaries mentioned, with the approval of the City Engineer. Councilman Babcock 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented for second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 342

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 275 PROHIBITING PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN PUBLIC STREETS.

Councilman Babcock moved that Ordinance No. 342 be adopted for second and final reading. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 343

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING PROPERTY IN BLOCK 12, TRACT 4070, HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

Councilman Babcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 343 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Babcock moved that Ordinance No. 343 be adopted for first reading. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1572

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING A RENEWAL OF OPTION NUMBER 67 BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Councilman Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1572 be adopted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1573

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ENTER INTO AN OPTION AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN TAX-DEEDED LANDS AS PROVIDED BY DIVISION 1, PART 6, CHAPTER 8, ARTICLES 1 AND 2, OF THE REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1573 be adopted. 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.

Mr. Whiteman, representing the Associated Assessment Engineers, submitted an offer from California National Builders, Inc. to purchase fifty-nine lots in Tract No. 9901, at a price of \$50.00 per lot.

Mr. Whiteman stated that the City now holds the fee title to these lots; and this is the first bid the City has received for these lots. He explained, however, that the Option Agreement is contingent upon said Company being granted priorities by the Federal Housing Administration; and is further contingent upon said Company obtaining an option from the City to purchase the sixty-three lots included in their offer of a week ago.

Mayor McGuire asked the amount of taxes against these lots.

Mr. Whiteman replied that the City's option for the County amounted to about \$35.00 per lot. He explained that the City would not make much money on this deal, but would get the benefit of having the lots improved.

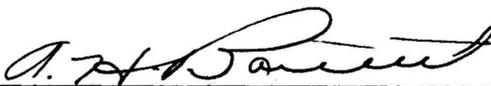
Councilman Cucci asked the reason for the second contingency. Mr. Bannerman, representing the California National Builders, replied that they don't know whether their finance company would accept these houses or not, as this property is not in a very desirable location, but he thought they might be induced to do so if they were included with the other properties. Mr. Bannerman produced plans of the proposed house, which he displayed to the Councilmen.

After further discussion, Mayor McGuire advised Mr. Bannerman that the Council would give their decision tomorrow afternoon, April 21st, at 4:45; and suggested that he leave the plans with the City Engineer.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to remove all the trees on either side of 213th Street, between Border Avenue and Western Avenue. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Mr. Samuel Webb be promoted to the position of Truck Driver, in the Street Department, on a temporary basis, at a salary of \$155.00 per month, effective April 8th, 1943. Councilman Babcock 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 6:10 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Cucci, the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, April 21, 1943 at 4:45 P.M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance