

Torrance, California  
June 18, 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 Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Friday, June 18, 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. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Being an Adjourned Regular Meeting, the regular Order of business was dispensed with.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Mr. F. H. Clark, Manager of the Torrance Brass Foundry, offering to purchase from the City of Torrance, the East 130 ft. of the West 150 ft. of the South 150 ft. of Lot 13, Block 113, Tract 2807; and the West 70 ft. of the East 120 ft. of the North 150 ft. of Lot 14, Block 113, Tract 2807; at the same price as paid by the City of Torrance, i.e. \$204.01 for Lot 13, and \$264.62 for Lot 14, plus any subsequent charges or expenses incurred by the City.

Mr. Clark explained that the Torrance Brass Foundry is engaged in the execution of vital Air Corps and Navy contracts; and as this is the only plant on the Pacific Coast engaged in their type of manufacture, their need of expansion was very urgent. He therefore requested the City to sell him the lots mentioned for the purpose of immediate expansion, in order that they may fulfill their contracts.

Councilman Cucci inquired as to the present zoning of the property in question. Engineer Jain replied that it was in the M-1, or Light Manufacturing Zone.

Councilman Hitchcock asked Clerk Bartlett what amount had been set up as the minimum price for these lots.

Clerk Bartlett replied that the cost prices were as follows:

Lot 13, Block 113, Tract 2807 .....	\$358.01
Lot 14, Block 113, Tract 2807 .....	<u>270.62</u>

Total ..... \$628.63

That the minimum prices established for these properties, at the time they were offered for sale, were as follows:

Lot 13, Block 113, Tract 2807 .....	\$487.50
Lot 14, Block 113, Tract 2807 .....	<u>262.50</u>

Total ..... \$750.00

Councilman Babcock explained that the difference between the price paid by the City for these lots, and the prices stated above, represented commissions which the City would have to pay the Associated Assessment Engineers for selling the property.

Engineer Jain stated that he had not noticed until tonight that these lots were in the M-1, or Light Manufacturing Zone, and asked Mr. Clark if it was his intention to extend his furnaces out onto this property.

Mr. Clark replied that it was his intention to run a battery of furnaces to make foundry castings, but that they do not have trip hammers or anything that would constitute heavy industry.

Councilman Powell moved that Mr. Clark be permitted to purchase the lots at the stipulated price of \$750.00; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into a contract to that effect.

Councilman Babcock stated that Mr. Clark had not offered to pay that amount for the property.

Mr. Clark then stated that the Torrance Brass Foundry will offer \$750.00 for the two lots, and inquired if he would get a clear title to the property, or only a tax title.

Clerk Bartlett replied that he would get a clear title.

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

Engineer Jain asked Mr. Clark if he intended to expand his present Foundry, and if it was his intention to use this property for that purpose.

Mr. Clark replied that he did intend to expand his present foundry, and that it was his intention to use the property for that purpose.

Engineer Jain then stated that he would like to have that added to the motion just made.

Mayor McGuire instructed Clerk Bartlett to add to the above motion (Councilmen Powell and Cucci consenting thereto); that this property is being sold to Mr. F. H. Clark, of the Torrance Brass Foundry, with the purpose in mind that he intends to use same in the same line of business as that in which he is now engaged at 1825 - 213th Street, in the City of Torrance.

This amended motion was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell stated he had a request from Chief of Police Stroh, that the salaries of Jack Angel and Roy Stout, patrolmen in the Police Department, be increased from \$160.00 to \$185.00; explaining that while they were temporary employees, they were both experienced men, and recommended that the request of Chief Stroh be concurred in.

Following a short discussion, Councilman Powell moved that the salaries of Patrolmen Monroe Jack Angel and Roy B. Stout be increased from \$160.00 to \$185.00 per month, effective July 1, 1943. 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 Powell stated he wished to remind the Council of a new State law, which would be in force very soon, requiring that the State Flag must be displayed in the Court Room, and in any public meeting places where the United States Flag is on display.

Mayor McGuire stated that a check should be made to see how many flags would be needed; and that they should be of the same size as the American Flags.

Councilman Powell moved that Purchasing Agent Jain be authorized to purchase the necessary Flags to meet the requirements of the law. 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 Hitchcock stated that the Doak Aircraft Company had requested permission to dump old glass from the site of the former glass factory in the City Dump; and that there would be approximately forty or fifty tons.

There was some discussion as to the advisability of allowing material of this type to be deposited in the City Dump; and Clerk Bartlett said that while we have been charging fifty cents a load for trash, he thought a charge of \$1.00 a load should be made for material of this type.

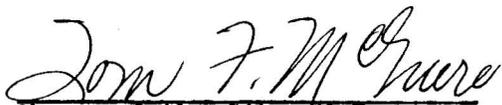
Councilman Hitchcock said that \$1.00 a load should be charged for such material, and stated he had advised the Doak Aircraft Company to that effect.

Councilman Babcock moved that the Doak Aircraft Company be granted permission to dump broken glass and refuse in the City Dump at a stipulated price of \$1.00 per load. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 5:12 P.M., on 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