

Torrance, California
January 25, 1944

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, January 25, 1944, 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 Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held January 11, 1944, and of an Adjourned Meeting held January 13, 1944, be approved as written. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Shell Oil Company, advising that no new installations, abandonment or alterations were made on pipe line laid under the terms of Ordinance No. 328, for the period ending December 31, 1943. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the General Petroleum Corporation of California, advising that no pipe line was laid, during the six months' period ending December 31, 1943, under the terms of Ordinance No. 781 (N.S.) of the County of Los Angeles. Matter of record.

A communication, bearing nine signatures of representative business men and women, doing business on the west side of Cabrillo Avenue, was read, protesting against the proposed zoning of the east side of Cabrillo Avenue to a two-hour parking limit.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the petition, concerning the proposed two-hour parking limit on the east side of Cabrillo Avenue, between Carson Street and Border Avenue, be referred to the Police Department for recommendation and report at the next regular Council Meeting.

Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. C. A. Benzel, 2815 Andreo Avenue, requesting the removal of a dead pepper tree in front of his property, and offering to replace it with a magnolia tree.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of Mr. Benzel be referred to the Street Department for action. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. P. G. Gaddis, 3300 Cherry Avenue, reporting a cave-in, or hole, on Cherry Street, near his residence, and requesting that this be repaired.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication from Mr. Gaddis be referred to the Street Department for action. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Manager of the Cravens Apartments, 1414 Cravens Avenue, protesting against the noise of the orchestra and patrons of the Friday night dances at the Civic Auditorium; claiming that this noise is depriving the tenants of this Apartment house of their much needed sleep.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that a copy of this letter be sent to the Torrance Service Mens' Foundation, with the request that they take some action to abate this nuisance. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A Petition bearing thirteen signatures was read, requesting that the City Council enact an ordinance prohibiting the keeping of roosters

within the city limits of Torrance; also a postcard signed by Mrs. James W. Wayt, 1966 1/2 Plaza del Amo, and Mrs. L. W. Atwood, 1966 Plaza del Amo, complaining about roosters in the neighborhood.

Councilman Cucci moved that this Petition be referred to the Ordinance Committee for study and action. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read, bearing the signatures of six residents in the immediate neighborhood of the Torrance Bowling Alleys, stating that they do not oppose bowling after midnight.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draft an amendment to the Ordinance regulating the operation of bowling alleys, permitting them to remain open after midnight for the convenience of swing-shift workers, and others. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Lebow and McNee, regarding charges made for Building Permits for the erection of oil derricks; and for the skidding of derricks from one location to another; protesting

against the fee charged them of \$10.00 for each permit.

Councilman Babcock asked Engineer Jain what the customary charge was for skidding an oil derrick from one location to another.

Engineer Jain replied that this had never come up before, but that he had made inquiries and found that Los Angeles was charging the same fee as for a new derrick. Mr. Jain further stated that these wells had been drilled by Lebow and McNee some time ago and that no permits had been taken out for these derricks at the time, and that the Building Code provides that there shall be a penalty for failure to take out a permit, of double the usual permit fee.

After some further discussion, Councilman Powell moved that the communication from Lebow and McNee be referred to the Council as a whole for recommendation at the next meeting. Councilman Gucci seconded the motion.

Engineer Jain said he wished to call attention to the fact that we have had several cases where owners had erected buildings or structures and failed to take out a permit; explaining that the Ordinance provides for a penalty of double the customary fee for such failure to take out a permit; that Mr. Lebow had protested against paying this penalty and said he would pay the \$10.00 fee, but refused to pay a fee of \$20.00 and would make a court action of the matter first.

Councilman Gucci said he thought some action should be taken, and if the Ordinance provides for a double fee that Mr. Lebow should be made to comply with it.

Mayor McGuire called for a vote on Councilman Powell's motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Street Naming Committee of the Planning Congress of Los Angeles County recommending that the names of Huntington Street, from Hawthorne Avenue to Madrona Avenue, and 203rd Street, from Cypress Avenue to Western Avenue, be changed to "Del Amo Boulevard"; said streets to become part of a major highway extending from Redondo Beach easterly to Orange County.

After a short discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the recommendation of the Planning Congress of Los Angeles County be concurred in, and that the City Engineer be authorized to contact the Planning Congress in regard to changing the name of Huntington Street, from Hawthorne Avenue to Madrona Avenue, and 203rd Street, from Cypress Avenue to Western Avenue, to "Del Amo Boulevard"; and also to change the names of these two streets on our maps.

Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Engineer Jain called attention to the fact that it would require a resolution of the Council to change the names of these streets.

Mayor McGuire requested Engineer Jain to get together with the City Attorney and draw up the required resolution.

A communication was read from the League of California Cities, calling attention to certain bills now pending before Congress to permit payments to cities in lieu of taxes on federally-owned property; and stating that the Special Session of the Legislature will be broadened to include consideration of a constitutional amendment permitting taxation of federal property in California.

Following a short discussion, Councilman Gucci moved that this matter be referred to the Council as a whole for study, together with the City Attorney; and a report to be made at a later date. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Redondo Beach, addressed to the California State Chamber of Commerce, and enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach requesting the State Chamber of Commerce to appoint a representative from the South Bay area on its committee for the study of a proposed State-wide system of super-highways.

After some discussion regarding post-war planning, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication from the City of Redondo Beach

be referred to the Council as a whole for further study. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Milky Williams Local Union 1414, requesting the support of the City Council in behalf of the Greene-Lucas Bill, now before Congress, to allow the members of the military forces and Merchant Marine to vote under Government supervision.

Mr. Carl D. Steele, Secretary of Milky Williams Local Union 1414, addressed the Council briefly, and urged that telegrams be sent at once to our Senators in Washington, requesting their support of this Bill.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Cucci moved that the City Clerk be instructed to send telegrams tonight to U. S. Senators Johnson and Downey, and Representative King, urging their support of the Greene-Lucas Bill. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Associated Assessment Engineers relative to the letter from the California National Builders, Inc., dated January 7, 1944, requesting that they be permitted to apply deposits previously made on some twenty lots toward the purchase of three or four tax title lots, and recommending that the request of the California National Builders, Inc. be denied.

Clerk Bartlett also read a communication from the California National Builders, Inc., advising that they were still making efforts, on behalf of the Investment Underwriters, to finance the improvement of the lots on 203rd Street, in Tract 9901; and inquiring whether it would be satisfactory to allow them another thirty or sixty days to complete their financing, or request the refund of their deposit.

Clerk Bartlett read another communication from the Associated Assessment Engineers, recommending that the City Clerk be authorized to purchase from Los Angeles County, Lots 1, A and B of Tract No. 9901, and also that the City proceed to vacate Madrid Avenue where it intersects 203rd Street, so that two additional building sites will thereby be obtained; this recommendation being made in view of the fact that the Investment Underwriters, Inc. has requested a cancellation of its option for the purchase of deeds to all of the lots in Tract 9901, and has asked for a return of the deposit made thereon.

After considerable discussion, Mayor McGuire suggested that an adjourned meeting be held on Monday, January 31st, and that representatives of the Associated Assessment Engineers be requested to be present and explain these matters to us.

A communication was read from the Texas Company, making application for a franchise to construct a pipe line along Western Avenue, from 190th Street to the easterly city limits of Torrance on Sepulveda Boulevard.

Mayor McGuire asked Attorney McCall for an opinion on this.

Attorney McCall stated that an ordinance has been drafted, with the aid of Mr. Sturgeon, and there are certain provisions in this ordinance that have never been in a franchise before; that this ordinance provides that all oil belonging to the Texas Company shall be considered in the same category as oil being transported for other companies; stating that the Texas Company is the first company that has agreed to that clause as most companies have taken the position that they were not required to pay for their own oil.

Attorney McCall stated that it is in order for the City to grant the Texas Company a permit for excavation, in order that they might start work immediately, and suggested that the City Engineer be authorized to issue a permit for excavation; that the application for the franchise sets out the price they will pay for this permit, which is the regular price established by our existing ordinance.

Attorney McCall read the resolution directing publication of the notice of sale of the Franchise, explaining that under the law the City has to advertise a franchise for sale, which notice has to run for four weeks in the Torrance Herald, and the Franchise is put up at a public sale at that time.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to issue an excavation permit to The Texas Company, in accordance with their application, and as per plans and blue prints. 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 and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1631

RESOLUTION DIRECTING PUBLICATION
OF NOTICE OF SALE OF FRANCHISE.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1631 be adopted. 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.

A communication was read from the City of Pasadena, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by their City objecting to taxation for County Parks.

Clerk Bartlett stated that he had prepared a resolution making formal protest of such taxation; whereupon he read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1632

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE MAKING FORMAL PROTEST TO THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
IN OPPOSITION TO THE ACQUISITION AND OPERA-
TION OF PARKS IN COUNTY TERRITORY AT THE
EXPENSE OF ALL COUNTY TAXPAYERS.

Councilman Cucci moved that Resolution No. 1632 be adopted. Councilman Powell 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. 1633

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE RESCINDING RESOLU-
TIONS NUMBERED 1604 AND 1605.

Councilman Cucci moved that Resolution No. 1633 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. 1634

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE
CHIEF OF POLICE TO ESTABLISH LOAD-
ING AND UNLOADING ZONES.

Councilman Cucci moved that Resolution No. 1634 be adopted. Councilman Powell 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. 1635

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING DEED FROM COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COVERING CERTAIN TAX-DEEDED PROPERTIES IN SAID CITY OF TORRANCE AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1635 be adopted. Councilman Powell 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. 1636

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, ACCEPTING BIDS FOR CERTAIN TAX DEEDED LANDS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO APPLY TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR SUCH TAX DEEDS.

Councilman Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1636 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. 1637

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF MONIES HERETOFORE PAID TO THE CITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF TAX DEEDS, BECAUSE OF SUBSEQUENT COURT ACTION.

Councilman Cucci moved that Resolution No. 1637 be adopted. Councilman Powell 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 the trailer loaned to the City by Mr. Gordon Northington, and used by the Fire Department, be returned to its owner; stating that Chief McMaster had advised that the need for it has apparently passed and he saw no reason why it should not be returned to the owner. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, stating that he would like to include in the motion that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Northington for the use of the trailer. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci stated that some time ago an ordinance was passed, in regard to capital outlay, and at that time we discussed the need of a new fire house, whereupon he moved that the sum of \$5000.00 be set aside for a new firehouse.

Attorney McCall advised that this ordinance related to general capital outlay, and that under this ordinance funds could not be set aside for any particular purpose.

After some further discussion, Councilman Cucci withdrew his motion.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the expenditure of not to exceed \$550.00 be authorized for excavation for streets around Block 12, in Tract 4070; payable to Mulherron and Kint, Contractors. 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 advised he had a communication from Engineer Jain, regarding doctors' fees paid by City employees for physical examinations; that on February 14, 1943, at a joint meeting of the City Council and Civil Service Board, the Council had agreed to refund such fees to the employees, both probationary and temporary, after they had been employed continuously for thirty days. However, as this was not an official action of the Council, employees had been unable to obtain such refunds.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Council go on record as favoring the refund of the amount paid for physical examinations by employees, both probationary and temporary, after they have been employed continuously for thirty days; such refunds not to exceed \$3.00. 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 read a communication from Engineer Jain, in regard to firewood being sold by the City, in which it was brought out that it was costing the City \$33.85 per cord for cutting, stacking and delivering this wood; and recommending that the selling price for this wood be increased from \$16.00 per cord to \$35.00 per cord.

A brief discussion followed, and Mayor McGuire suggested that the City sell its firewood at the established market price.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that firewood sold by the City should be governed by the prevailing market price for similar wood. 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 advised that the subject of loaning or renting City equipment to employees for their own use had been discussed by the Council, and it had been decided that all requests for the loan or rental of City equipment should be referred to the Council; and in such cases where equipment is rented out that the prevailing rental rates, established by the O.P.A., should be charged.

Whereupon, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be instructed to refer all requests for the loan or rental of City equipment to the City Council, for their action, and that the usual prevailing rates for the rental of such equipment be charged. Councilman Powell 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 Walter H. Wagner be employed as a part time custodian of the Walteria recreation building, at a salary of \$15.00 per month, effective January 1, 1944. 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 Babcock moved that an appropriation of \$978.85 be made for the reconditioning of White Motor Bus No. 103. 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 Babcock moved that an appropriation of \$105.61 be made for the purchase of one compressor assembly from the White Motor Company, as a spare part for the White motor busses. 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 inquired of Clerk Bartlett regarding the contract for Library service.

Clerk Bartlett referred to the communication from the County Librarian, which had been read at the Council meeting of January 11, stating that due to increases in salary granted to employees, the budget would be \$356.67 higher than last year.

Councilman Powell stated he was in favor of paying this additional cost.

Councilman Babcock moved that the contract with the County of Los Angeles for Library service be renewed for the ensuing year, and that the County Librarian be notified of our desire to renew the contract for the fiscal year 1944-45 at the increased rate. 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.

Attorney McCall requested authority to employ a stenographer in his office, stating that he had a lot of work on his desk to get out but was unable to get any help. He said he had been taking a great deal of this work to his office in Los Angeles, but that at the present time he was short of help up there also.

Councilman Hitchcock asked if the City Clerk couldn't spare someone from his office to assist the City Attorney.

Clerk Bartlett replied that he really needed more help in his Department also.

Councilman Cucci stated that while there was undoubtedly a need there for a stenographer, he thought some arrangement could be worked out to give him a part-time stenographer.

Mayor McGuire stated that at the last Council meeting a communication from the McAlister Company, in regard to the proposed development of their property in Tract No. 10216, had been referred to the Council, and inquired if it was desired to take any action at this time.

Councilman Cucci stated it was quite clear that it is nothing more than a promotion scheme and no one would actually benefit by it, except the owners of the property and could see no reason for approving their request.

Whereupon, Councilman Cucci moved that the request of the McAlister Company for approval of their plan for a water system for the improvement of Tract No. 10216, at the corner of 182nd Street and Hawthorne Avenue, be denied. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Rev. Paul M. Wheeler, 1230 Acacia Avenue, advised that he represented a committee of the Clergy in the City of Torrance, who were working with the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and they would like the City Council to go on record that the week of February 20th to 26th, 1944, shall be designated as "Brotherhood Week"; and advised that the local Committee has planned extensive activities during this week.

Mayor McGuire suggested that a resolution be adopted proclaiming

the week of February 20-26, 1944 as "Brotherhood Week", and asked Clerk Bartlett for the next resolution number.

Clerk Bartlett advised the next number would be:

RESOLUTION NO. 1638

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROCLAIMING
THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20-26, 1944
AS "BROTHERHOOD WEEK".

Councilman Cucci moved that Resolution No. 1638 be adopted, proclaiming the week of February 20 to 26, inclusive, as "Brotherhood Week", and that this Resolution be published in the Torrance Herald. Councilman Powell 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.

Rev. Wheeler inquired of Attorney McCall whether the City could legally donate funds to the School District for recreation facilities; explaining that it was planned to enlarge the High School Athletic Field and put in overhead lighting for night recreation this summer; that the School Board had agreed to the use of the field, but there seems to be some question whether the City can make a gift of money to a School District.

Mayor McGuire replied that the City cannot make a gift of money to anyone.

Mrs. O. W. Hudson, 1753 Andreo Avenue, requested that the City remove two palm trees and a pepper tree from in front of her property, explaining that these trees were a hindrance to traffic as they obstructed the view at this corner; also that she has been compelled to keep these trees trimmed herself, although she claimed they were on City property.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be requested to inspect these trees and make a report, and if necessary to take whatever action is thought necessary. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Leroy Confer, 1908 Martina Avenue, entered a complaint against the Torrance Bus Lines, stating that the bus which leaves Redondo Beach at midnight refused to pick up passengers for Torrance.

Mr. Ward, Manager of the Bus Lines, was asked about this, and he replied that this bus was chartered to the Aluminum Company, and it was understood they would allow it to be used for general passenger transportation, but they decided that would not be practical, and as it is chartered to them they have the right to say who shall ride on it. As a result, it is not a public passenger vehicle at the present time.

Councilman Cucci said the agreement with the Aluminum Company stipulated that anyone could ride the bus, but the Aluminum Company agreed to make up any deficit.

Mr. Ward stated the agreement was that the Aluminum Company would pay \$34.00 per day for this bus and the Bus Lines were to turn over to them all receipts above that amount; and that it was assumed that it was going to be for general use.

Mayor McGuire stated the Council had notified Mr. Ward that the busses were not to be used solely for the Aluminum Company, and some different arrangements must be made if they wish to keep the busses for their use.

Councilman Powell said he thought it would be better to discontinued the Redondo run and use the busses to relieve the congestion on the Los Angeles run.

Mr. Ward said if we can receive some kind of a subsidy he thought it would be better to continue the service to Redondo; and said he knew the Doak Aircraft Company and the Aluminum Company are willing to assist us.

Mayor McGuire suggested that Mr. Ward contact the Aluminum Company and find out what they will offer in the way of a subsidy, on condition that they allow the bus to be used by the public.

Councilman Hitchcock said he would like to bring up the matter of the Perry Mutual Water Company, in North Torrance; that so far it had been impossible to reach any agreement with them and he would like to suggest that the members of the Perry Mutual Water Company be notified that it is the intention of the City to advertise the Water Company and offer it at public sale, but that the members of said Water Company will first be given an opportunity to purchase it and request that they make the City an offer. He inquired of the City Attorney if there was any objection to this procedure.

Attorney McCall stated there was no objection to that procedure, as it was perfectly legal for the City to advertise it for sale and sell it to the highest bidder.

Councilman Hitchcock said he thought the members of the Water Company should have the first opportunity to purchase it.

Attorney McCall replied that they could bid along with the public, and if it was advertised for sale it would have to go to the highest bidder.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the members of the Perry Mutual Water Company be notified that it is the desire of the City to sell the water system, and it is proposed to advertise and offer it for public sale, but if they wished to purchase the property the City would be glad to entertain any offer.

Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Max Pons, inquired what the reasons were for objections to the establishment of two-hour parking on the east side of Cabrillo Avenue; claiming that she had been damaged by reason of the fact that there was no parking limit on that side of the street.

Mayor McGuire advised her that the petition would be checked over by the Police Department and a recommendation made to the Council.

Mr. A. W. Fink, 1005 Sartori Avenue, addressed the Council in reference to a race track for miniature automobiles and made a plea in behalf of a local club consisting of about twelve members, that the City construct a race track for the members of this club. Mr. Fink stated that miniature auto racing has become a National Hobby with such race tracks all over the Country, and that the City would receive considerable publicity and advertising if such a race track were constructed.

Mayor McGuire advised Mr. Fink that the Council will take his request under advisement.

Mr. Charles Elman, 318 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, briefly addressed the Council, emphasizing the need for improved bus service.

Councilman Babcock moved that 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 10:30 P.M., on motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Babcock, the meeting adjourned until Monday, January 31, 1944, at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE