

Torrance, California
April 4, 1944

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 Tuesday, April 4, 1944, at 5:00 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 presented for second and final reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 354

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA GRANTING TO THE NATIONAL SUPPLY COMPANY, A PENNSYLVANIA CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO LAY, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, REPAIR, RENEW, CHANGE THE SIZE OF, AND REMOVE A PIPE LINE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PETROLEUM, OIL, AND LIQUID HYDRO-CARBON PRODUCTS THEREOF, IN, UNDER, ALONG AND ACROSS CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS, HIGHWAYS AND ALLEYS IN SAID CITY.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 354 be adopted for second and final reading. 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 California Safety Assembly, addressed to Police Chief Stroh, advising that the Assembly was holding sessions on April 12, 13 and 14, at the Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel, devoted to present and postwar industrial and traffic safety problems; and it was the recommendation of Chief Stroh that Mr. Ward, Manager of the Municipal Bus Lines, Judge Willett and himself, be authorized to attend this assembly.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Police Chief Stroh, Judge Willett and Mr. Ward be authorized to attend the sessions of the California Safety Assembly, on April 12, 13 and 14, 1944, at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, with expenses paid. 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.

Mayor McGuire announced that the Council had held an informal meeting with representatives of the Milky Williams Local Union #1414, and of the Torrance City Employees Local #360 S.C.&M.W. of A., on Thursday, March 30, 1944, for the purpose of discussing the question of cover-up in the Fire Department, and stated that the members of the Council felt that it was unnecessary for the firemen to cover-up except in case of an emergency, and that he was prepared to entertain a motion to that effect.

Mr. Treloar, President of Local No. 360, stated that he had not been authorized to accept any proposition from the Council, but wished to again call attention to a resolution, signed by all the members of the Fire Department, which had been presented to the Union some time last November, positively refusing to cover-up, which he proceeded to read.

Mayor McGuire advised that at the informal meeting held last Thursday a tentative agreement had been worked out with Captain Winters whereby the Police Department would cooperate with the Fire Department; and in the event of a fire the Police Department would call each member of the off-duty platoon in order to find one man who would be willing to "cover-up" by reporting back to the Fire Station, and that this man would be compensated for his time by being paid time and one-half for his services.

After quite a lengthy discussion, Councilman Powell moved that the practice of "cover-up", as it has been used in the Fire Department in the past, be abolished; and, in event of a fire, only one man from the off-duty platoon shall be called back to the Fire Station by the person in authority in the Fire Department at that time; and that this man shall be compensated for his services, for the time so served, at the rate of one and one-half times his regular rate of pay. 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 the City Engineer be authorized to have the City Electrician install such electrical equipment as is necessary between the Fire and Police Departments, in order to transmit the alarms from the Fire Department to the desk in the Police Department. 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 Cucci called attention to the present Ordinance in regard to weed abatement, and stated that he was informed by the

Fire Chief that the Ordinance calls for written communications or notices to be sent to the owners of the lots, and that this has cost the City more than it was worth, to go through this proceeding, and suggested that this portion of the Ordinance be repealed.

Whereupon, Councilman Cucci moved that Ordinance No. 247 be repealed.

Mayor McGuire advised Councilman Cucci that it would require an ordinance to repeal this ordinance.

Councilmen Cucci then withdrew his motion.

Councilman Babcock moved that an appropriation of \$72.50, plus tax, be authorized for the purchase of a time clock ticket stamping machine for use in the Los Angeles terminal of the Municipal Bus Lines. 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 the City Clerk be authorized to draw up a contract with Mr. William Agee, to act as care-taker or attendant at the Los Angeles Bus Terminal, at 1014 South Hill Street, for a fee of \$50.00 per month, plus ten (10%) percent commission on the sale of all tickets by him, at that address. 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 inquired of Engineer Jain if he had contacted the Griffith Company regarding the construction of a sidewalk on the Engracia Avenue side of the triangular park at Cota, Engracia and Manuel Avenues.

Engineer Jain replied that he had, and that it would cost approximately \$250.00 to construct this sidewalk; and advised that to construct a sidewalk around all three sides of this park, it would cost approximately \$600.00.

Councilman Babcock suggested that the Council give this matter more study and report at the next meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk be authorized to write a letter to Fire Chief McMaster, informing him of the action taken in regard to the matter of "cover-up" in the Fire Department, and enclosing a copy of the motion in reference thereto. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Dale Riley, Superintendent of Recreation, made a report in regard to the construction of a playground in WALTERIA, advising that it will cost about \$200.00 to install the required lighting, and that it will be necessary to carry the wires about a block to the transformer. Also, that he had been informed by Mr. Butterfield that it may be necessary to put in a larger transformer. Also, in order to secure lighting for the miniature automobile race track, that it will be necessary for the Club to make application to the Southern California Edison Company for this service; and that it was very doubtful whether the Edison Company could make the necessary extensions to supply these services.

Mayor McGuire suggested that the City Electrician contact the Edison Company and find out just what they will do.

Mr. Riley also advised the Council that he had received requests for permission to use the Ball Park for night ball games; and also that the Coast Guard had requested permission to use the Ball Park for daylight, baseball games; and advised that it would be necessary to install additional lighting, and to employ a night watchman. He said Park Superintendent Blake had informed him that considerable damage is being done at the Park due to the fact that no watchman is on duty.

There was considerable discussion in regard to the possibility of re-arranging the time in the Park or Street Departments so as to provide a night watchman at the Municipal Park. Engineer Jain advised that both the Park and Street Departments were already short-handed and he didn't see how this would be possible.

Councilman Babcock requested Mr. Riley to see what could be done.

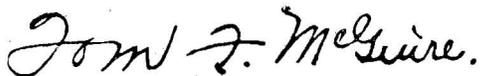
Mr. Charles Elman, of Los Angeles, addressed the Council briefly and introduced the new reporter on the staff of the Torrance Herald, Mr. Adams.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. 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 6:35 P.M., on 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