

Torrance, California.
July 5th., 1932.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, July 5th., 1932, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Klusman.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

Mayor Klusman declared a recess for a few minutes. Councilman Conner took his chair at 7:50 P.M.

Mayor Klusman requested a correction be made in the minutes of June 29, 1932, with reference to the Chamber of Commerce budget, stating he voted no on this motion.

Councilman Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 21st., 1932, and the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of June 24th., 1932, and the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of an adjourned regular meeting of June 27th., 1932, and the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of an adjourned regular meeting of an adjourned regular meeting of June 29th., 1932, be adopted with correction as requested. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read an invitation dated June 29, 1932, from the Governor's Office inviting Mayor Klusman to be present on the afternoon of Friday, July 8, 1932, at a meeting in the Auditorium of the California State Building in Los Angeles.

A communication from the League of California Municipalities dated June 30, 1932, was read, referring to the Revenue Act of 1932. Councilman Steiner moved that this letter be filed, motion seconded by Councilman Conner and carried unanimously.

A communication from The Los Angeles Home Owners Trust Fund dated June 28th., 1932, addressed to Hon. W. T. Klusman, was read, acknowledging receipt of the total sum of \$37.00 of preliminary expense money. Councilman Steiner moved that this letter be filed, motion seconded by Councilman Ludlow and carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Hollywood Riviera Community Association under date of June 23, 1932, requesting that when making up the budget for the coming fiscal year favorable consideration be given to maintenance of planted parkways in the portion of Hollywood Riviera together with patrolman service and fire protection. Councilman Conner stated that he believed the Hollywood Riviera people will be more than satisfied with a plan that the Police, Fire and Light Committee has worked out with reference to police and fire protection and moved that the Clerk be instructed to answer that phrase of their letter. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 8:00 P.M. bid for printing legal notices of the City of Torrance for the ensuing year, June 30th., 1932, to June 30th., 1933, was opened, and the following proposal was read:

LOMITA-TORRANCE PUBLISHING CO.

For the first insertion the rate shall be eighty (80) cents per column inch.
For the second subsequent insertion and all other subsequent insertions thereafter, the rate shall be sixty (60) cents per column inch.

The terms and all conditions are identical with the contract made for the past ten years.

Councilman Steiner moved that the printing contract as read by the Clerk be awarded the Torrance Herald. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The matter of Telephone Service with reference to Radio Police Patrol was discussed to some extent and Councilman Steiner moved that further discussion be continued to the next regular meeting. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the Union Oil Company of California under date of June 30, 1932, was read, stating that no pipe lines or conduits were constructed in the City of Torrance, by said Union Oil Company of California under franchise, for the six months period ending June 30, 1932. Councilman Steiner moved this letter be filed. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the American Legion, Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 under date of July 5th., 1932, stating that the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 is giving unemployed men of Torrance work printing numbers of residences and business houses on the curbing, and offered to paint street names and block numbers on the curbs at intersections where needed, the city to pay cost of labor for the work. Councilman Steiner moved the city authorize the Post to proceed with the work and the city pay them the amount of \$1.70 per intersection for all cross streets. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication from the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company under date of June 30, 1932, was read, requesting permission to lay a water line across Carson Street and install a fire plug to serve the Health Clinic. Councilman Steiner moved permission be granted and that two fire plugs be erected. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. City Engineer explained there was a distance of 140 ft. from the Alley to Carson Street, and recommended one hydrant on the south side of Carson Street and a tee be installed on the north side. Councilman Steiner moved his former motion be rescinded, Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Councilman Conner moved that permission be granted the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company to install a hydrant on the south side requesting the Water Company to put the proper connection on the north side, that the City Engineer be instructed to make a survey as to the cost of cutting pavement. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication from the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, under date of June 29, 1932, was read, relative to the matter of street improvements in Fern Avenue and Eldorado Street. The letter also stated they were going to put in a cesspool and not connect with the city sewer system. As the ordinance requires them to connect with sewer system if possible, Councilman Steiner moved their proposition be rejected and the Engineer be instructed to notify them to that effect and with reference to streets. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Soule Steel Company, under date of July 2nd, 1932, addressed to Mr. F.R. Leonard, City Engineer, enclosing copy of a letter written to the Columbia Steel Company referring to Santa Clara street in which Soule Steel Company agrees to remove portion of building encroaching on the street. Councilman Steiner moved this communication be filed. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Del Amo Estate Company, addressed to City Engineer Leonard, with reference to land deeded for park purposes. City Engineer Leonard stated that when this parkway was deeded it was for park purposes only and that by stipulation the Del Amo Estates Company now agrees to deed a portion of said park for street purposes. Councilman Steiner moved the stipulation be recorded. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read

RESOLUTION NO. 538

ACCEPTING STIPULATION FROM THE DEL AMO ESTATE COMPANY

Councilman Steiner moved that Resolution No. 538 be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication from the Standard Oil Company of California under date of June 30, 1932, was read, with reference to the Sepulveda Boulevard City of Torrance. City Engineer Leonard stated in this connection he had replied to this letter and the matter is under consideration.

A petition under date of July 5th., 1932, from citizens of WALTERIA, was read, with reference to the removal of a large Eucalyptus tree growing along the northerly side of the State Highway at Madison Street. Councilman Steiner suggested that City Engineer Leonard take the matter up with the Forestry Department and see what we can do with it. Councilman Ludlow moved our City Engineer reply to this petition. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow moved the City Clerk have all Sepulveda Boulevard deeds on file recorded. City Engineer stated all these deeds west of Hawthorne could be recorded. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication from Allen D. Stevenson, Assistant Fire Chief, addressed to Mr. C.E. Conner, Chairman Police and Fire Commission was read, with reference to charges to be filed against him by either Mayor Klusman or the Fire Commission. Councilman Conner moved this communication be filed. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Wright brought charges against Mayor Klusman with reference to remarks Mayor Klusman had made at a meeting in WALTERIA. No action was taken.

Oral communications:

The President of Walteria Chamber of Commerce presented a petition which was intended to be sent to the Railroad Commission asking for better bus transportation from Walteria and requested the indorsement of the Council. Councilman Steiner moved this Council go on record as indorsing this petition and the City Attorney give them any advice as to legal procedure. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A delegation from walteria District requested the Council to assist them in getting relief from paying telephone toll service between Walteria District and Torrance Exchange. Councilman Steiner moved that the City Engineer look into the matter and report at next meeting. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Klusman stated the Superintendent for the contractor who is building the Health Center informed me personally that he had orders to employ all Torrance City unemployed men that he could.

Mayor Klusman stated a danger sign had been broken on Redondo Boulevard. Councilman Steiner moved the Engineer be instructed to see that a light be placed at that point. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A lady in the audience presented a petition addressed to the County Board of Supervisors from the property owners in the McDonald Tract in regard to Alondra Park and requested its indorsement by the Council. Councilman Steiner moved the City Council go on record as desiring favorable action on this petition and give the petitioners their moral support. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A contract agreement between the City of Torrance and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce stipulating the amount of money to be used by the Chamber for Budget purposes was read, and after some discussion, Councilman Steiner moved that the contract be signed by the Mayor. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the electrical highway sign maintenance be paid out of the 10¢ tax fund. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Steiner moved warrant be drawn to settle the balance due on the Health Center site and have the Dominguez Land Corporation issue deed to the County of Los Angeles. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett read a contract between the City of Torrance and Claude R. Robinson with reference to 4½ acres on the Sewer farm. After a minor correction, Councilman Steiner moved the contract be approved. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Leonard stated that the ornamental street lights were on metered service and he had no report to make on the Lomita lights.

Councilman Ludlow moved that publication of minutes be suspended during the month of July, and mimeograph copies made and left for distribution at the Chamber of Commerce and other public places. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Steiner and Wright. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow reported that he had looked into the group insurance plan, stating a local man representing the Missouri Life and Insurance Company had a similar plan to offer as a representative of another Insurance Company made the City of Torrance.

Councilman Ludlow made the request that the regular Council meeting nights be changed to the first and last Tuesdays in each month, but after some consideration no action was taken.

Councilman Steiner moved that the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for two trucks for use in the Street Department, specifications as follows:

One (4) Cylinder, 1½ Ton Truck, 131½" Wheelbase, with Closed all Steel Cab, also equipped with Dual Drive Wheels, Overload Springs, and Front Bumper.

One (4) Cylinder, 1½ Ton Truck, 157" Wheelbase, with Closed all Steel Cab, also equipped with Dual Drive Wheels, Overload Springs, Front Bumper, Heavy Duty Hydraulic Wood Hoist and Platform Stake Body with load space 80½" x 136" x 42" High.

Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Steiner moved the Street Superintendent be instructed through the City Clerk to purchase shoes for the tractor. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow moved we rescind the motion made at a meeting held June 29, 1932, for servicing the lights. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Attorney Jensen read a report addressed to J. C. Smith of the Water Committee dated June 23. Councilman Steiner moved report be filed for future reference. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow brought up the dog pound question, and requested this matter be referred to the commissioner to report at next meeting. Councilman Conner will make an investigation and report.

Councilman Steiner moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Steiner moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

J. H. Klusman
Mayor of the City of Torrance.