

Torrance, California.
November 22nd., 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 Chamber at Torrance, California, November 22nd., 1932, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Klusman.

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

Councilman Ludlow moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9th., 1932, be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Klusman stated that Chief Calder and himself had attended a meeting with the County Grand Jury on November 15th. The meeting had been called to consider drafting a uniform ordinance to replace the Wright Act. Forty-nine cities were represented by their Mayors or Chiefs of Police. It was the consensus of opinion that all local ordinances be retained for the time being. The Mayor read a letter from the Foreman of the Grand Jury requesting a copy of our liquor ordinance. This had been forwarded.

Clerk Bartlett read a letter from the California Water Service Company regarding reduction in the monthly charge of \$3.00 to \$2.50 for each fire hydrant in the Hollywood Riviera area, effective November 1, 1932.

A communication was read from J. B. Scotton, 1438 El Prado with reference to two eucalyptus trees in front of his home, causing an undesirable condition. After some discussion, Councilman Ludlow moved this matter be referred to the Street Committee for further investigation. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company accepting and thanking the city for the courtesy in offering storage facilities at the City Yard.

A communication was read from the Church of Spiritual Progression requesting permission to hold religious services at 1207 El Prado, Torrance, California. Councilman Ludlow moved their request be granted provided there are no objections by surrounding territory. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce with reference to ceremony for opening of Health Center. Councilman Hitchcock moved the Chamber of Commerce be authorized to spend \$100.00 for the request made. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

A communication was read, addressed to Mr. F.R. Leonard, City Engineer, from Scriver & Quinn, Inc., quoting prices on Copper shade Ferrubron for light standards. Councilman Hitchcock moved the Council authorize purchase of 100 gallons paint, Engineer and Street Department to select color, and work to be done by the unemployed. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the County of Los Angeles, Office of the Sheriff, together with an Agreement regarding the feeding of prisoners in the County Jail. After some discussion, Councilman Ludlow moved this be executed as presented. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

A communication was read from the Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. with reference to rates on direct service into the Torrance Exchange advising that these rates are based on mileage. Engineer Leonard stated that this communication was in line with a request from Walteria, and that we have Mr. Newman's reply to this letter. Clerk Bartlett then read Mr. Newman's letter. Councilman Ludlow moved we refer the matter to the City Attorney for his opinion and report at next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the County of Los Angeles, Bureau of County Welfare, with reference to correcting Resolution No. 547 heretofore passed by the City of Torrance, incorporating the amount of labor money and man-days necessary for this work in the Resolution. Clerk then read

RESOLUTION NO. 548

RESPECTING COUNTY AID FOR CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Ludlow moved that Resolution No. 548 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

A communication was read from the Board of Education with reference to the matter of school busses running in the City of Torrance. Councilman Ludlow moved that the City Clerk be instructed to acknowledge receipt of this letter and thank them for what they have done, also to keep in touch with them. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented a petition filed at 3:50 P.M. November 22nd., 1932, with reference to full lighting schedule of the ornamental street lighting system throughout the city, signed by business men and citizens numbering 52. Councilman Ludlow moved this be referred to the proper committee for action and recommendation and report to the Council at its next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At the request of Mayor Klusman, Mr. Dennis gave a report on the progress of the Metropolitan Water District. Mr. Dennis stated that the Act itself requires the water be carried to the city limits of every member city, but the board would not care to go on record in writing as to exactly where the spot would be at our city limits. However, the map showed that the line would be brought to Western Avenue near Carson Street.

Councilman Conner arrived at 8:50 P.M.

Mayor Klusman reported for the Park Committee that a site on Arlington Avenue had been selected for a park. It contains 10-1/16 acres and can be purchased for \$15,000.00, \$1000.00 cash and the balance in four yearly payments with 6% interest on deferred payments. The payments can all be made from the 10% Parks, Music and Advertising Fund. Councilman Ludlow moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up the necessary papers for acquiring the park site and present them to the Council for approval at the next meeting. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow and Klusman. Councilman Wright voted present. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett read a petition signed by citizens of Torrance petitioning the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Torrance to investigate and make a recommendation leading to the purchase of a plot of ground to be used for Recreational Park purposes.

Mayor Klusman asked Attorney Jensen about the Lomita Fire Protection Tax Rate. Attorney Jensen stated that in August, 1931, Mr. Bartlett, City Clerk, wrote to the County Assessor, at the request of the people living in the district and at the request of the City Council, calling attention to the recent annexation election, and requesting action in removing the annexed territory from the Lomita Fire Protection District. A reply was received in the form of a copy of a decision from County Council's Office, addressed to Assessor Hopkins. The decision stated that the territory was automatically removed at time of election. The Assessor left the assessment off last Year's tax bill. However, later it was found that the County Attorney's decision was wrong, and the assessment was put on this year's tax bill. Attorney Jensen stated the Council must pass a Resolution asking the Board of Supervisors to fix a time and place for a hearing of the Lomita Fire Protection District. He then read Resolution No. 549. Councilman Conner moved that Resolution No. 549 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 238

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BUILDING LINES UPON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD (LONG BEACH AND REDONDO ROAD) WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Ludlow moved that Ordinance No. 238 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow moved we instruct the City Clerk to see that a notice to the taxpayers of South Torrance, stating that the 1932-33 refund from the Lomita Fire Protection District would be paid them when received by the city, is placed in the Lomita and Torrance Papers. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Wright moved that Ordinance No. 18 be repealed. As there was no second to this motion, it was lost.

Mayor Klusman called Councilman Hitchcock's attention to repairs needed on Arlington Avenue. The Mayor also called attention to city employees receiving full pay when sick. Councilman Ludlow moved Police and Fire Commission investigate and report at next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

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

Approved:

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