

Torrance, California.  
April 25th., 1933.

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, April 25th., 1933, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Klusman.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 11th., 1933, the minutes of a special meeting of April 12th., 1933, and the minutes of a special meeting of April 17th., 1933, be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Klusman stated it will be necessary to appoint a Mayor for the ensuing year. Councilman Hitchcock moved Mayor Klusman be appointed Mayor for the coming year. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Councilman Ludlow moved the nomination be closed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Wright and Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Mayor Klusman expressed his thanks.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Office of the Mayor, Los Angeles, California, extending to the Mayor, officials, and citizens of the City of Torrance a cordial invitation to attend the Roosevelt Day celebration services at the Coliseum (Memorial Stadium) on Sunday at 2 P.M. Clerk Bartlett was requested to answer this communication.

A communication was read from the Special Advisory Committee, Reconstruction Finance Corporation, enclosing an incompleted Building Code promulgated since the earthquake and also a resolution concerning loans requested from communities in the affected areas.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from The Metropolitan Water District acknowledging a formal notice from this city of the resignation of Mr. John Dennis as Director and the appointment in his stead of Mr. J.R. Jensen. Councilman Ludlow moved this communication be filed. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

An application for a position as supervising construction foreman on the new City water works was read from Leigh R. Drake, 1020 Cota Avenue, Torrance. Councilman Ludlow moved this application be filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Jensen stated he had received Lease and Option of a playground site from Torrance Oil and Development Company, and read

RESOLUTION NO. 572

ACCEPTING THE LEASE AND OPTION.

Councilman Ludlow moved that Resolution No. 572 be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Wright. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow read an audit report from C.J. Rambo & Company, Auditors, covering period from January 1st., 1933 to March 31st., 1933.

Councilman Ludlow reported the Park ball ground would be ready for use May 5th., and a night ball game was scheduled for that date and May 7th., there would be a hard ball game. The managers of the ball teams had agreed to pay the city 10% of gross gate receipts to help defray expense of lights, etc. Councilman Ludlow then moved the City Attorney be instructed to draw up contracts with the managers of the ball teams, and present them at the next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow further reported the date for the grand opening of the Ball Park had been set for May 14th., and suggested the Mayor appoint a program committee to complete arrangements. The Mayor said he would prefer Councilman Ludlow appoint such a committee. Councilman Ludlow then appointed Mr. Whyte, Mr. Evans, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Phenix. Councilman Ludlow complimented Engineer Leonard for his plans in beautifying the front of the park. Engineer Leonard stated we will be able to transplant large palms and cypress trees. Also we have decided to plant one good size Elm tree in the park.

Councilman Ludlow brought up the matter of franchises, stating he believed some of the utilities were paying tax to the County instead of the city, that he had consulted with Mr. Rambo who advised a special investigation. It was suggested the City Attorney get in touch with Mr. Rambo in regard to this matter.

Clerk Bartlett read a petition from a number of citizens pertaining to the distribution and sale of beer, asking that the ordinance be amended to the effect that a combination license may be obtained. Councilman Hitchcock moved this petition be laid on table for consideration by the Council as a whole for consideration at next meeting. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow asked and called on Engineer Leonard for information regarding street across General Petroleum Corporation's property. This matter was brought up later in the evening.

Mayor said that the Water Company's report was indefinite and not satisfactory to the committee. However, the representatives of the Water Company had promised a more detailed report as soon as possible. Councilman Hitchcock expressed an opinion that the committee had done everything possible and suggested the whole Council act from now on. Councilman Conner stated he could not see that it would make any great difference if the Committee was dissolved at this time. Councilman Ludlow moved that the Water Committee be dissolved and all papers and reports be placed in the hands of the Council. There was no second to this motion. Attorney Jensen stated that the Water Bond Ordinance called for 5 1/2% bonds, and suggested this ordinance be amended to read 6% as the bonds might sell more readily. He also suggested the redemption date be changed as so much time had been lost in litigation.

Councilman Conner moved that at the time the Committee receives the itemized statement as requested from the Water Company, that a special meeting of the City Council be called for the purpose of accepting the report of the Committee and at that time the present Committee be dissolved. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Klusman thought repeal of portions of the old ordinance very important and suggested the Attorney draw an ordinance repealing portions of Ordinance No. 212. Councilman Ludlow moved certain sections of Ordinance No. 212 be repealed. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Jensen read

ORDINANCE NO. 242

REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 212

Councilman Ludlow read a letter from Mr. Rambo agreeing to advise and assist the various officials of the City of Torrance in all matters pertaining to the proposed preparation and issuance of bonds under the Improvement Act of 1927, as Auditor in charge \$25.00 per day.  
Assistant 15.00 per day.

Mr. Rambo will require the assistance of a man in obtaining assessed valuation, delinquent taxes and assessments in the water district, this man to be paid by the City. Councilman Ludlow moved we accept Mr. Rambo's offer. 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 one of our citizens be employed as an assistant to Mr. Rambo. 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 asked if the General Petroleum Corporation had been heard from. Engineer Leonard reported that the Manager of the General Petroleum called him today in connection with the Cedar Avenue project stating they had heard from the officials of the Company and the matter would be opened for discussion tomorrow.

Engineer Leonard stated in reference to Water System the most important matter is the question of the land that you are going to put the reservoir on, you must have assurance of the land. Engineer Leonard further stated he had talked to Mr. Clotfelter of the Santa Fe Company who stated the Company would be willing to give the City six months option on a site if it was considered necessary. The matter of fixing price of land would have to be taken up by the officials of the Company. Councilman Wright moved the Council make the Company a bid to secure an Option of this land for \$2300.00 per acre. There was no second to this motion. Councilman Ludlow moved we enter into negotiation with the Company that owns the land in regard to an option and a committee including the City Engineer be appointed to investigate. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Under Oral Communications:

A committee representing the Carson Street Unemployed Relief stated their dance at Border Avenue, Saturday night was stopped by the Police on account of a fight, and enquired why they were discriminated against. This matter was referred to the Police Department.

Mr. Drake, who has charge of work in the new park, reported more carpenters were required to get the building completed in time for opening ball games. Councilman Ludlow moved not more than 4 carpenters be hired. 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 City Clerk be authorized to secure estimates to print bonds. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Rufus Page, in the audience, expressed an opinion that there should be no more delay in getting the water bonds ready for sale so work could be started on developing wells, etc.

Councilman Ludlow stated an admission fee of 15¢ would be charged for night ball games at the new ball park, and children under 14 years of age would be admitted free.

Councilman Ludlow moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Wright 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 to Wednesday evening, May 3rd., at 7:45 P.M. for the purpose of discussion of new ordinance regarding bond and any other matters that may come before the Council. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

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

Approved:

[Signature]  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.