

Torrance, California.
May 23rd., 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, May 23rd., 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 May 9th., 1933, be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication addressed to Mayor Klusman from Charles J. Colden, Congressman, offering seeds for trees to be planted in the park.

A communication was read from Geo. H. Williams, Mayor of the City of Monrovia, California, asking for information relative to the Torrance Military Academy and Col. Robert L. Ingersoll. Councilman Ludlow moved this communication be turned over to the Chamber of Commerce for reply. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Mayor Fickling of Long Beach inviting Mayors from surrounding communities to attend a conference at Long Beach, May 24th., 1933, in regard to outside labor. Mayor Klusman stated he was going to be there.

A communication was read from County of Los Angeles, Office of Superintendent of Charities, Los Angeles, California, with reference to those funds made available to this County by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Councilman Ludlow moved this letter be filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Veterans' Relief Association of Torrance, stating this organization proposes to avail itself of the opportunity offered by the Los Angeles County authorities appertaining to Community farming as an adjunct to Unemployment Relief. However, due to lack of sufficient funds they will be unable to carry out the completion of the plan in the face of the existing high water rate in Torrance and therefore petition the City Council for aid. Attorney Jensen stated according to the law the city cannot spend money on associations or individuals. Mayor Klusman appointed as a committee, Clerk Bartlett, Councilman Ludlow and Attorney Jensen to further investigate.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors, enclosing copy of resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 8th, authorizing an appropriation of \$1800.00 toward the improvement of Torrance Boulevard. Engineer Leonard stated that this money was set aside to meet the expense of hiring teams and that there would be some expenditure needed for trucks. Councilman Ludlow moved the communication be filed. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Standard Oil Company of California giving their estimate of cost to move 7 telephone poles, and 6 pipe lines in connection with the improvement of Torrance Boulevard, and stating they expected to be reimbursed for any expense connected with change of right of way. Engineer Leonard stated this matter had been referred to the County Road Department.

Clerk Bartlett presented a bill from the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company for the cost of relocating utilities of that Company along the south side of Torrance Boulevard, and also read copy of a letter sent by the City Engineer to the County Road Commissioner requesting the County to draw warrant to the C.C.M.O. Company covering amount of this charge. Engineer Leonard stated he believed that as the bill rendered was less than the estimate a vote of thanks was due the Oil Company for this saving. Councilman Ludlow moved the City Engineer write them such a letter. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented an Easement from the Santa Fe and Los Angeles Harbor Railway Company to the City of Torrance, covering certain real property adjoining the new Municipal Park to be used for park purposes. Engineer Leonard stated this was a portion deeded to the city as part of the park system.

Clerk Bartlett read a petition filed in the Clerk's Office requesting immediate action by the Council in the proposed water program. Clerk Bartlett stated that this petition had 2034 signatures. Councilman Hitchcock moved this petition be filed. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce under date of May 17, 1933, referring to the last audit of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce records. Councilman Hitchcock moved this letter be filed with the Auditor's report of April, 1932, and that \$30.80 mentioned in the letter be retained by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce as petty cash fund in accordance with their contract with the city and that a copy of this action be forwarded to Mr. Sam Levy. Councilman Ludlow 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.

A letter from Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company requesting abandonment and closing up a certain street was read. Attorney Jensen read

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 575

CLOSING UP, VACATING, AND ABANDONING
THAT CERTAIN STREET KNOWN AS HICKORY
AVENUE IN TRACT NO. 1952.

Councilman Ludlow moved that Resolution of Intention No. 575 be adopted. 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.

Attorney Jensen reported relative to Beer Ordinance, that he was in receipt of copy of the State Law which has not yet gone into effect, and that it will be necessary to amend our Ordinance and therefore would like to meet with the Ordinance Committee with reference to any other amendments.

Councilman Ludlow asked if it would be a wise thing to have an Ordinance regarding earthquakes drawn up and asked Engineer Leonard's opinion. Engineer Leonard stated that the city had been urged to adopt the Uniform Building Code. However, in his opinion considerable study should be given this problem before any building ordinance was finally adopted, but that all conditions contained therein that would safeguard the public in case of earthquakes should be incorporated into a new ordinance. Councilman Wright suggested adopting Ordinance recommended to the City Council by the Grand Jury. Attorney Jensen stated that this ordinance was only an amendment to the County's Building Code. After some discussion it was decided that the Ordinance Committee should take the matter up with the City Attorney and Engineer and prepare an adequate Ordinance or amend our present building Ordinance to meet proper requirements.

Councilman Ludlow stated there has been some talk about the Council helping the Women's Relief. Engineer Leonard explained that the County Welfare had agreed to furnish funds to pay the unemployed women at the rate of \$3.20 per day for sewing. Arrangements have been made with the Red Cross to furnish materials and arrangements for a room have been made in one of the business blocks for a work shop. The city employees association is to pay for lights and heat. A partition will have to be placed in the store, and suggest the city furnish materials, the partition to remain the property of the city. Councilman Ludlow moved should these occasions come up, proper authority be given to those in charge to go ahead. Councilman Conner 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 reported he had a communication from Mr. Rambo's office, that necessary information would be ready to start the bonds at the next regular meeting to be held June 13, 1933. The Council has had four or five meetings this week with consulting Engineers.

Councilman Ludlow inquired with reference to the General Petroleum fence proposition. Engineer Leonard stated that he was notified yesterday of a new plan of extension of Cedar Avenue with Cypress.

Councilman Conner moved the City Clerk purchase a filing cabinet for the Chief of Police amount given \$70.15. Councilman Ludlow 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 stated he would like to know why direct phone connection has not been put in from Walteria to the Police and Fire Departments. This matter was to be looked into and brought up at next meeting.

Councilman Wright inquired regarding the chemical engine. Councilman Conner reported it was working fine. Fire Commissioner and Mayor will take up the matter and see if tank will be fixed or charged or whatever has to be done.

Mayor Klusman reported tomorrow he has to go to Long Beach in the interest of Torrance. Also Mayor Klusman made a lengthy and colorful talk relative to his visit aboard the U.S.S. California.

Mayor Clarke of Redondo Beach was in the audience and spoke briefly in regard to municipally owned water plants.

Mayor Klusman reported that the Water Committee would meet and have a report ready for the next meeting.

The Mayor then read a lengthy reply to the petition just filed requesting speedy action on the water question. Mr. Whyte of the Torrance Herald requested Mayor Klusman's article to be printed in the Torrance Herald.

Mr. Page, Mr. Powell and Mr. Hoerr all voiced their opinions in reference to the water situation. Councilman Conner and Councilman Ludlow also expressed their views.

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. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

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

Approved:

W. Klusman
Mayor of the City of Torrance.