

Torrance, California.  
July 25th., 1933.

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

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, July 25th., 1933.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Klusman at 7:45 P.M.

City Clerk Bartlett called the roll. Those answering present were Councilmen: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. Absent: Councilman: Conner.

Mayor Klusman declared a recess to await the arrival of Councilman Conner, who arrived at 7:55 P.M.

There being no objection the Mayor waived the reading of the minutes of an Adjourned Meeting of an Adjourned Regular Meeting of July 13, 1933, a copy having been given previously to each Councilman. It was moved by Councilman Ludlow, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, and carried, that the minutes be approved as written.

City Clerk Bartlett read a letter from the American Legion, Bert S. Crossland Post, No. 170, requesting certain streets be closed to traffic and parking during the staging of the Outdoor Card Party, August 5th. Councilman Hitchcock moved the request of the Post be granted. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

An invitation from the Elks Lodge to attend an Elks Frontier Days Barbecue and Frolic to be held at Redondo Beach City Park on Saturday, August 5, 1933, was read. The invitation was ordered filed.

A communication was read from the Pan American Petroleum Company advising that they had laid or removed no pipe lines under Ordinance No. 92, City of Torrance, for the period from January 1st, 1933 to June 30th, 1933.

Three letters were read signed by the Shell Oil Company, dated July 11, 1933, relative to their reports on franchises, and enclosing their check No. 16956, in amount of \$49.19, payable to the City Treasurer.

City Clerk Bartlett read an application from Herdondo Products, Inc., for permission to remove mineralized black sand from the tide lands of the beach controlled by the City of Torrance. Councilman Hitchcock moved that this matter be referred to the Engineering Department for report at next meeting. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

An application, was read for a beverage license, from the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles. Councilman Conner moved this application be accepted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried, Councilman Wright not voting.

Councilman Ludlow moved the City Clerk be instructed to purchase a flag of the proper size for the new park. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Klusman reported he had attended a meeting of the Southern California League in Huntington Park today, that a resolution had been prepared to present to the League of California Municipalities at their annual convention to be held at Santa Cruz.

The Mayor also stated he was going to aid the taxpayers in the Alondra Park District to obtain relief from the County, and requested his traveling expenses be allowed by the Council.

Mayor Klusman reported the Council and a representative of the Water Company met at an informal meeting Monday, July 24th., to discuss the possibilities of purchasing the present water system and the representative had quoted a tentative price of \$165,000.00.

Councilman Wright then moved an offer of \$113,441.00 be made the Water Company for their plant, and request a 90 day option at that price. Councilman Conner asked Councilman Wright if he would withdraw his motion temporarily until we confer with the City Attorney. Councilman Wright then withdrew his motion. After some discussion a ten minute recess was declared, after which Councilman Conner moved the City Clerk be instructed to write the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company offering them \$113,441.00 for existing plant, if and when bonds are taken by the National Industrial Recovery Act, and to grant City of Torrance a 90 day option on their plant for a consideration of \$1.00, offer to stand for 10 days. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Klusman stated I want to go on record tonight that I stand for a \$1.00 water rate per 1000 cu. ft., as soon as the city acquires or constructs a municipal water system, and that the issuance of the bonds shall be to that amount approximately and no more.

Attorney Jensen stated a tentative application for \$375,000.00 should be filed as soon as possible with the State Administrator giving him our setup. Councilman Ludlow moved this be authorized. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Klusman stated the Council, at an informal meeting, with the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company officials had made arrangements for an option of six acres of ground to be used for a reservoir site, the price is \$2,250.00 per acre.

Attorney Jensen read

RESOLUTION NO. 581

AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN AN OPTION  
WITH THE CHANSLOR-CANFIELD MIDWAY OIL  
COMPANY FOR SIX ACRES.

Councilman Conner moved that Resolution No. 581 be adopted as read. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

After some discussion with reference to further Engineering work on the proposed water system, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the firm of Salisbury, Bradshaw and Taylor be engaged to carry on the Consulting work detailed under Item 4-a-2 consisting of aid in revamping old system & in developing water supply as set forth in their proposal contained in letter of May 22nd., 1933, provided that suitable arrangements can be made with Mr. Bradshaw to take his pay when the bonds are disposed of. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow and Wright. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Mayor Klusman stated his reason for voting is that the Engineer has nothing to work on.

At this time Councilman Conner introduced Mayor Cotton of Hermosa Beach. Mayor Cotton stated he had been asked to present a trophy awarded the Torrance Drum and Bugle Corps at the Happy Days Pageant, Hermosa Beach, July 3, 1933. He said the Drum and Bugle Corps was marvelous in their exhibition, and on behalf of the citizens and Council of Hermosa it gives me great pleasure in presenting this bronze trophy. Mayor Klusman requested Mayor Cotton be given a standing vote of thanks and also to our Legion Drum and Bugle Corps. Mayor Klusman is to present the trophy to the Drum and Bugle Corps at the Outdoor Card Party to be held August 5th.

Councilman Conner stated our street lighting contract with the Torrance Electric Shop will expire August 1st., 1933, and as per agreement last year a new contract should be awarded the Two Mack's Electric Company for a period of one year, and so moved. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of the vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow referred to the telephone rate reduction petition, and moved it be laid on the table. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett submitted a tentative budget which he had prepared at the request of the Finance Committee. After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Ludlow stated he believed we can get along on \$145,000.00. Councilman Ludlow then moved we adopt this tentative budget. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, the record of the vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Wright moved that warrants be drawn and registered on all bills properly audited. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, the record of the vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

It was moved by Councilman Ludlow, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, and carried, that the meeting be adjourned.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

*A. H. Bartlett*

City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

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