

Torrance, California.  
August 8th., 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, August 8th., 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: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman.  
Absent: Councilmen: None.

There being no objection the Mayor waived the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 25th., 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 League of California Municipalities dated July 21st., 1933, relative to the exemption from the State Sales Tax on all transactions of cities.

A communication was read from the League of California Municipalities dated July 26th., 1933, stating the President's National Industrial Recovery Act campaign is not intended to include either City or State employees.

City Clerk Bartlett read a letter from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America Washington dated July 8th., 1933, referring to the Public Works Title of the National Industrial Recovery Act. It was moved by Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Ludlow, and carried, that this communication be referred to the Attorney for investigation.

A communication was read from the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company under date of August 3, 1933, relative to an offer made by the city for their plant and suggesting further negotiations.

City Clerk Bartlett read a letter from the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company dated August 4th., 1933, relative to the report of Salisbury, Bradshaw & Taylor, consulting engineers, not including all of the assets of the Water Company and suggesting an arbitration committee be appointed.

A communication was read from Logan R. Cotton, Accountant and Auditor dated August 7, 1933, submitting a fee of \$205.00 to audit the city books and records for the fiscal year of 1933-34. Councilman Ludlow moved this be filed with the proper committee. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Klusman read excerpts of the law stressing the fact that the Mayor could make or second motions.

City Clerk Bartlett read an audit report of City Books from C.J. Rambo & Company covering the last quarter of the fiscal year ended June 30, 1933. Councilman Ludlow moved the report be accepted and placed on file. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow asked Attorney Jensen to express his opinion in reference to the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company's letter. Attorney Jensen stated that the letter of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company dated August 4th., 1933, evaded a direct answer, but considering the oral statements made by its president, Mr. Nelson, at a previous informal meeting and the substance of this letter I would interpret it as a refusal of our offer. Councilman Ludlow moved that the opinion of our Attorney be written in the minutes. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Information was asked of Engineer Leonard in regard to application to the NIRA. Engineer Leonard stated that he called their office and was informed a letter was on its way in regard to the matter. Councilman Hitchcock suggested that the City Clerk be authorized to call a meeting as soon as the letter is received.

Councilman Ludlow stated whatever discrepancies the Water Company claims with regard to the report of the Engineer should be specified more clearly by them so that the Board may understand exactly the points of difference.

There was considerable discussion by the Council and audience with reference to the water situation. Mr. Whyte of the Torrance Herald asked permission to speak on the question, and was ruled out of order by the Mayor. Councilman Ludlow then moved that Mr. Whyte be permitted to speak. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried. Mr. Whyte spoke in favor of a new water system. Councilman Conner moved we proceed with the next order of business. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. Alcorn, in the audience, wanted to know if any accommodation for parking in front of the stores on Torrance Boulevard would be made. Engineer Leonard stated it is our intention to leave intersections about as they were.

Councilman Hitchcock requested authority to purchase two tanks of oil for purpose of oiling San Pedro Street and he so moved. 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.

Councilman Hitchcock stated the city was ready to receive trees for the new park. Engineer Leonard stated they would accept any trees the Legion had to offer and the city would call for all trees offered. He also said some consideration should be given for a practical gardener if possible secure the services of some one part time from County Welfare. Councilman Ludlow moved this be referred to our committee here with power to act. Councilman Conner 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 reported he had attended a reception in honor of Secretary of War Dern and visiting Governors. Also he had appeared before the Grand Jury with other Mayors representing the Metropolitan Sewer District. The Mayor also reported he was to attend an executive meeting of the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities to be held at Santa Ana.

Attorney Jensen introduced and read

RESOLUTION NO. 582

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS  
TO STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 582 be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 583

LEASING OF A CERTAIN STRIP OF LAND ON TORRANCE  
BOULEVARD FROM THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 583 be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow stated there was some controversy in regard to membership in the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities, he believed it was getting to be a political organization. Councilman Ludlow then moved we do not enter into this quarter's dues. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow and Wright. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At this time Councilman Ludlow brought up the subject of the 1933-34 budget, and after considerable discussion Councilman Ludlow moved we set a tax rate of 94¢ on Tax District No. 1 and 88¢ on Tax District No. 2. This motion was lost for the want of a second. Councilman Hitchcock moved by a substitute motion that the tax rate be set at 96¢ and 90¢. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, and Wright. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Ludlow and Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Jensen introduced

ORDINANCE NO. 245

SETTING TAX RATE

Clerk Bartlett stated the lease to remove clay and sand from the brickyard property had expired and that the lessor wished to renew it. Councilman Ludlow moved this lease be duly renewed. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow called attention to an expense account of Mayor Klusman stating he thought some of the items were unnecessary. Councilman Ludlow then moved this bill be authorized by the city. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, the record of the vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Wright. Mayor Klusman stated not voting. Councilman Wright moved the Mayor O.K. the bill in his stead. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow moved that warrants be drawn and registered on all bills properly audited. 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.

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

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

*A. H. Barrett*

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City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

*W. B. Klusman*

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Mayor of the City of Torrance.