

Torrance, California.
October 10th., 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, October 10th., 1933.

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

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

At the request of Councilman Klusman, City Clerk Bartlett read the minutes of the regular meeting of September 26th., 1933. Councilman Ludlow moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 26th., 1933, be approved as read. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Wright arrived at 7:48 P.M.

City Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Association of City Planners of Los Angeles County inviting the Council to attend a meeting of their organization scheduled for October 14th., at the Chevy Chase Golf Club, Chevy Chase Boulevard, Glendale.

A communication was read from Mayor Merritt E. Paddock of Long Beach extending a cordial invitation to the Mayor and his official family to join Long Beach in the celebration of "Old Ironsides" on Columbus Day, October 12, 1933.

City Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce with reference to the City of Torrance presenting to the Torrance Night Ball Team a trophy in behalf of their winning the National League championship. Councilman Hitchcock moved to allow not to exceed \$50.00 for the purchase of this trophy. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Councilman Wright voted present.

Attorney Jensen introduced

RESOLUTION NO. 585

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF EASEMENT
WITH THE COUNTY RECORDER

Councilman Ludlow moved that Resolution No. 585 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow stated he had looked up the cost to the city of liability insurance and found the premium very prohibitive. Therefore, his recommendation would be to pass it up.

Councilman Ludlow inquired if there were any new developments on the Gasoline tax and requested Engineer Leonard to write a letter on this.

Councilman Wright stated he had three complaints today about the Pacific Electric right of way on Cabrillo Avenue, that there is a drop in the pavement which should be filled in and leveled up. In this connection Engineer Leonard stated that he believed that the Pacific Electric Railway Company would cooperate with the city to remove any existing hazard at the edge of the pavement. Mayor Conner suggested that Engineer Leonard call this matter to the attention of the Railway Company. Councilman Wright moved that the City Engineer be requested to contact the Railway Company in this matter. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Conner stated we will now consider the automobile bids deferred to this meeting and asked Chief Calder if he had a recommendation to make. The Chief stated he did not wish to make a recommendation. Councilman Wright moved we buy the Ford car. This motion was lost for the want of a second. Councilman Klusman moved we buy the Plymouth. This motion was lost for the want of a second. Councilman Hitchcock moved we buy the Chevrolet car. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Klusman and Wright. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow recommended seat covers and safety glass for the car.

A report was requested from the committee relative to the location of the proposed Girl Scouts' building. The City Engineer reported that the Dominguez Land Corporation had tendered the use of a lot on the east side of El Prado for this purpose and that the city would be permitted to build a temporary building which could be removed and that there would be no rental required for the use of the land. A building suitable for the purpose could be erected for approximately \$250.00. Councilman Klusman moved that we appropriate \$250.00 for that purpose. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Wright. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Conner stated that under unfinished business there is a matter of committee appointments that was held over from last meeting. He then asked Councilman Wright if he would serve on the Light Committee, Councilman Wright refused the appointment. Councilman Klusman moved Councilman Wright be appointed on the Light Committee. This motion was lost for the want of a second. Mayor Conner moved Councilman Ludlow serve as Chairman of the Fire Committee. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried, Councilman Klusman voting no. There was no further action in regard to committee appointments.

Mayor Conner said he believed Councilman Klusman was Chairman of the Ordinance Committee and called attention to a clause in the Plastering Ordinance referring to a bond. Councilman Klusman said he would take the matter up with the City Attorney.

Mayor Conner said this is Fire Prevention Week and special inspections were being made by the Fire Department. However, as they were not making much headway suggested one volunteer accompany the regular fireman until the work was cleaned up. Assistant Chief Stevenson said they had been sending out one man but would appreciate another man until the city had been covered, after which one man would handle it the year round. Councilman Ludlow moved we have this additional man out for inspection for the additional time required. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow, Wright and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Leonard reported that there were a number of complaints from people living west of Portola on the east side of Sartori due to the fact that Sartori is not a thru street and recommended "That this is not a thru street" notice be posted at this corner. Councilman Ludlow moved that the necessary money be expended to put the sign up. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow, Wright and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

There was some discussion in regard to fire hazard in the oil fields and Attorney Jensen was instructed to look up the State Law in regard to the matter. Attorney Jensen was also instructed to check up on the double tax situation in the Lomita annexed territory.

Mayor Conner reported he attended a Sanitation District meeting today of the two boards of which Torrance is a member. Nothing of consequence of the improvement was discussed today. An auditor's report was given of the financial standing of the boards to which we belong. Copy of the minutes and auditor's report will be mailed here.

Councilman Wright brought up the matter of repainting curbs with red. Chief Calder was ordered to see that this was done. Councilman Wright also stated that a yellow strip should be painted in front of the Chamber of Commerce so a car could park there for at least 15 minutes.

Councilman Ludlow asked for a report on the water application. Engineer Leonard stated that there is nothing definite to report at the present time further than that it was ascertained at a recent interview with the Public Works officials that the application was in proper form.

Oral Communications:

Mr. Nelson spoke in regard to fire hydrants.

Mr. Sam Levy brought up the question of reduction in fire insurance rates, and after some discussion Councilman Ludlow moved the City Clerk take the matter up with the Board of Fire Underwriters and arrange a meeting with the Council if necessary. Councilman Wright 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: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow, Wright and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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

Mayor Conner declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett

City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

C. Earl Conner

Mayor of the City of Torrance.