

Torrance, California.
November 14th., 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, November 14th., 1933.

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

Deputy City Clerk Stevens called the roll. Those answering present were Councilmen: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow, Wright and Conner. Absent: Councilmen: None.

At the request of Councilman Klusman, Deputy City Clerk Stevens read the minutes of the regular meeting of October 24th., 1933. Councilman Ludlow moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 24th., 1933, be approved as read. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Deputy City Clerk Stevens read the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of November 7th., 1933. Councilman Ludlow moved that the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of November 7th., 1933, be approved as read. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Deputy City Clerk Stevens read a communication from the Southern California Edison Company advising the lights at 190th. Street and Western Avenue have been readjusted.

A request from Clarence Pinkham was made for permission to operate a Billiard Room at corner of Post and Sartori Ave. Councilman Klusman moved the request be granted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce requesting estimates on materials required for improvement of El Prado from Torrance Boulevard to Normandie Avenue. Councilman Klusman moved that the estimates be made as per the request in the letter. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Deputy City Clerk Stevens read a communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce recommending an appropriation be made to defray cost of the annual Municipal Christmas tree. Councilman Klusman moved that \$125.00 be appropriated. 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.

A communication was read from the City of Glendora inviting the City Officials to a meeting of the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities to be held on Thursday November 16, 1933. The main topic of discussion will be "The Liquor Control Law". Councilman Ludlow moved all those members of the City Council and the City Officials who can may go with their expenses paid. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow, Wright and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the 1915 Improvement Bond Act Committee enclosing a copy of a Resolution requesting the immediate appropriation of \$50.00 to start necessary court proceedings against a late decision of the court regarding 1915 Improvement Bond payments. Councilman Ludlow moved the letter be filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Union Oil Company of California submitting a statement of the gross receipts arising from the use, operation and possession of a pipe line franchise for the year ending November 7, 1933, together with Check No. 6720 for \$5.92, in payment of 2% of said gross receipts.

An application for beverage license was read from Escobar and Servin. Councilman Ludlow moved that the application be refused as our Ordinance does not allow licenses to be granted to people not citizens of the United States and that the Clerk be ordered to so advise them. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

An application from The Angeles School was read for permission to teach a childrens' dancing class once a week at the Women's Clubhouse, requesting exemption from paying a business license as such dancing classes are classified as educational. Councilman Hitchcock moved the request be granted. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that the Street Department was badly in need of a truck, and moved that a Ford truck be purchased cost price \$1370.00. Councilman Klusman moved an amendment to the motion that bids be advertised for. This motion was lost for a want of a second. Attorney Jensen stated in his opinion the City Council can purchase the truck without advertising for bids. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow stated the city needed more adequate fire protection so that if one truck was out the other could be used in the emergency of a second fire. This could be accomplished by building a compartment for hose on the hook and ladder truck. Estimates for the change were \$150.00 to \$300.00 depending on whether the compartment was built above or below the ladders. Councilman Ludlow moved authorization of expenditures up to \$300.00. 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.

Councilman Ludlow reported that our Park Development Fund has reached a place where we have to replenish it from the Contingent Fund. Councilman Ludlow moved that we transfer \$1500.00 from the Contingent Fund to the Park Development Fund. 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.

Councilman Ludlow called attention to first aid treatment in emergency cases at the local hospital stating at the present time that the Police Department had no authority to take people there and that the hospital was in no condition to receive charity cases. After some discussion of the matter, Councilman Ludlow moved that a committee be appointed to investigate the conditions and suggest a procedure. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Mayor Conner appointed as a Committee Councilmen Hitchcock and Ludlow and Attorney Jensen.

Councilman Klusman asked for information regarding the lowering of fire insurance rates in the city stating that the reason that fire insurance rates have not been reduced before was on account of the 33" main, but now it seemed that the rates might be reduced by putting on more firemen and he could not understand just why the status had changed as the 33" main was still in use. Mayor Conner explained the changes in the Fire Department were being made in compliance with suggestions from the Board of Fire Underwriters. It was learned that two volunteer firemen were to sleep in the station at night so as to be available at a moment's notice.

Councilman Wright moved a traffic overhead light as had been heretofore suggested be installed at the corner of 190th. Street and Western Avenue in such a position as traffic coming from the north would have a plain view of same. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow, Wright and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

In the matter of Columbia Steel Company's employees parking their cars in front of Columbia Court,

RESOLUTION NO. 589

REGARDING PARKING OF CARS IN FRONT OF COLUMBIA COURT

was adopted on motion by Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Ludlow and carried unanimously.

In the matter of turning on all the street lights in the downtown district during the month of December, Councilman Wright moved the request be granted. Councilman Ludlow 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.

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Mayor Conner called attention to the problem of additional collection of garbage in the Hollywood Riviera District and moved that the garbage collector be allowed an additional \$35.00 per month for this extra service beginning November 1st., 1933. 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.

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On an inquiry by Councilman Klusman as to the status of the water proposition, Engineer Leonard reported that the matter was properly before the Committee at the present time and that there was nothing definite to report.

Councilman Ludlow inquired of Engineer Leonard when it was proposed to start the work on Torrance Boulevard. Engineer Leonard stated it was his understanding that the first of December work will be started by the County.

Councilman Ludlow asked Engineer Leonard what could be done about getting a road around the park. Engineer Leonard stated that it was possible that some funds may be available for street work from County Welfare allocation that would admit of an expenditure of about 20% for road material and that in case these funds were received work could be started.

Engineer Leonard reported on Catalina Avenue in the Hollywood Riviera. County may appropriate some funds after the grading is done on this project.

Mayor Conner reported progress in connection with the Metropolitan Sanitation Sewer District.

Attorney Jensen reported with reference to the Metropolitan Water District.

Oral Communications:

Mr. Henry A. Jones offered the city \$100.00 a month license fee to operate a Scientific Ball Game. Through questioning Councilman Klusman brought out the fact that it was a Tango game. Mayor Conner stated he did not think the matter was plainly enough set forth that he would suggest that a written application be made.

Mr. Wade stated he had demonstrated a Knapp Hydraulic Steering Stabilizer to the Chiefs of our Police and Fire Departments, and intimated his willingness to demonstrate the same device on the fire trucks. Both the Police Chief and Fire Chief were sold on the proposition, as it seemed to be a device of life saving qualities and also a tire saving, Councilman Klusman moved that the two devices already installed on the Police cars be purchased. 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. It was recommended to have this device placed on the two fire trucks and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Jones' proposition was discussed and it was decided to investigate and report findings at the next meeting.

Councilman Ludlow moved that warrants be drawn and registered on all bills properly audited. Councilman Wright 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 10:05 P.M.

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

Approved:

C. Earl Conner
Mayor of the City of Torrance.