

Torrance, California.
April 24th., 1934.

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, April 24th., 1934.

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

City Clerk Bartlett called the roll. Those answering present were Councilmen: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. Absent: Councilmen: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read the minutes of the regular meeting of April 10th., 1934. Councilman Hitchcock moved the minutes be approved as read. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett read the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of April 16th., 1934. Councilman Hitchcock moved the minutes be approved as read. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Union Oil Company of California submitting a statement of the gross receipts arising from franchise operations for the year ending March 31, 1934, amounting to \$35.80.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce inviting the members of the City Council to participate in the dinner meeting held under the auspices of the National Business and Professional Women of Torrance, at the Woman's Club House, April 26th., at 7 o'clock.

An application, was read from A.B. Davis, 24521 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California, requesting a special permit to pass bills in the City of Torrance as far as Sepulveda Boulevard. Mayor Ludlow suggested the City Clerk advise Mr. Davis the Ordinance would have to stand as is.

Mayor Ludlow stated it would be in order at this time to appoint the committees for the ensuing year or as long as he remained Mayor and read:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Scott R. Ludlow, Chairman
William H. Stanger
William H. Tolson

MUNICIPAL PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE

William H. Tolson, Chairman
James E. Hitchcock
Scott R. Ludlow

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

W. T. Klusman, Chairman
James E. Hitchcock
William H. Stanger

POLICE, FIRE, AND LIGHTS COMMITTEE

William H. Stanger, Chairman
James E. Hitchcock
Scott R. Ludlow

STREET, SEWER, CITY PARKS COMMITTEE

James E. Hitchcock, Chairman
William H. Stanger
William H. Tolson

Councilman Stanger moved Chief of Police Calder be reduced to rank of Captain effective at once. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried, Councilman Klusman voting no.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that heads of all Departments be retained in their respective offices. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock called attention to the question of licensing all gasoline trucks that deliver in the city. Clerk Bartlett is to look into this matter and make report at next meeting.

Attorney Rippy read

RESOLUTION NO. 620

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HEADS OR CHIEFS OF DEPARTMENTS TO EMPLOY SUBORDINATE EMPLOYEES AND FIX THEIR SALARIES, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OR RATIFICATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 620 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion. Councilman Klusman moved that the whole proposition be laid before the Council. Motion was lost for want of a second. The record of vote to Councilman Hitchcock's motion, is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy read for its first reading

ORDINANCE NO. 252

ORDINANCE FIXING TIME LIMIT ON PARKING MOTOR OR OTHER VEHICLES ON CARSON STREET

Councilman Hitchcock moved Ordinance No. 252 be approved for its first reading. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Rippy reported a representative of the California Water Service Company came over to see him with reference to their application for franchise, that nothing could be done until we receive a letter from them.

Attorney Rippy stated the Metropolitan Water District passed a resolution inviting any one interested in a trip to the Boulder Dam at their expense. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this offer see Mr. Rippy.

Councilman Stanger reported that he had been investigating the Fire Department, and found that the equipment was inadequate to serve the large territory and moved the City of Torrance purchase one used American La France Type 40 Triple Combination Pumping Engine and Hose Motor Car for the sum of \$1800.00 to be used in

Walteria, and before it is delivered to Walteria keep it here until our pump is returned from being repaired at an estimated cost of \$350.00. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Stanger also reported there were no standard fire plugs in the McDonald Tract. Mayor Ludlow requested Councilman Stanger to investigate further and report at next meeting.

Councilman Stanger moved that Captain Calder be appointed Chief of Police of the City of Torrance. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson stated he had observed that one of the city trucks was used to transport children to and from various playgrounds and he did not approve of this method, that he had checked upon this matter and found we can buy a Moreland Bus for \$80.00. Councilman Tolson moved the City of Torrance purchase one used Moreland Bus for the sum of \$80.00, from the Pacific Electric Railway Company, for the use of the Recreation Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett brought up the matter of installation of an overhead light at Pueblo at a cost of \$2.12 per month. Councilman Stanger moved that this light be installed at this place. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Klusman moved we have a Police Judge as well as City Attorney. Motion was lost for want of a second.

Mayor Ludlow inquired of Engineer Leonard concerning Strawberry Street project. Engineer Leonard stated he had no report to make at this time.

Mayor Ludlow asked Councilman Stanger about an application for location of a Rifle Range Club by the High School. Councilman Stanger reported there is a rifle range back of the Columbia Steel Company's plant and he would see if permission could be had from the Columbia Steel to use it. City Clerk is to get in touch with the High School instructor.

At this time Councilman Stanger moved that his former motion that Captain Calder be appointed as Chief of Police of the City of Torrance be rescinded. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock asked Engineer Leonard about the setup of the FERA. Engineer Leonard reported that the main office in Los Angeles was supposed to open tomorrow. Registration here.

Mayor Ludlow recommended the placing of a blinker sign on Prairie Ave., south of Riverside Redondo Boulevard. Engineer Leonard stated a sign should be placed at the intersection on the south side as that is the city limit. The cost would be \$14.00. Councilman Hitchcock moved that we place this blinker sign and also notify County to place one on their side. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Ludlow requested the heads of departments to check over their requirements for the new budget.

Councilman Stanger moved the Fire Chief be reduced to Captain of the Fire Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At this time Mayor Ludlow stated we will now proceed to appoint a Civil Service Board. Councilman Stanger nominated Alden W. Smith. Councilman Stanger moved nomination be closed. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried, Councilman Klusman not voting. Councilman Hitchcock moved that Alden W. Smith be appointed as a member of the Civil Service Board to serve for a term which shall expire December 31, 1935. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried, Councilman Klusman not voting.

Councilman Hitchcock nominated George L. Probert. Councilman Stanger moved nomination be closed. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried, Councilman Klusman not voting. Councilman Stanger moved that George L. Probert be appointed as a member of the Civil Service Board to serve for a term which shall expire December 31, 1937. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried, Councilman Klusman not voting.

Councilman Tolson nominated Irvin C. Rous. Councilman Stanger moved nomination be closed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried, Councilman Klusman not voting. Councilman Hitchcock moved that Irvin C. Rous be appointed as a member of the Civil Service Board to serve for a term which shall expire December 31, 1939. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried, Councilman Klusman not voting.

Councilman Klusman stated he objected for legal reasons adoption of the Civil Service.

Mayor Ludlow thanked Councilman Stanger for the work he had done in obtaining data for the Civil Service.

Mayor Ludlow stated we have worked over the budget. Clerk Bartlett said that Mr. Gascoigne has made arrangements to employ four men a day in rotation.

Miss Odell, in the audience, stated she needed a couple men to cut weeds at the recreation building grounds.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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

Mayor Ludlow declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

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

Approved:

M. R. Ludlow
Mayor of the City of Torrance.