

Torrance, California.  
May 14th., 1935.

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, May 14th., 1935.

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.

Mayor Ludlow stated due to a request we have received from our ball club to attend the opening game of the season it will be in order to declare a recess. Councilman Klusman moved a recess be declared. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 9:00 P.M. the Council re-convened. City Clerk Bartlett called the roll. Those answering present were Councilmen: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. Absent: Councilmen: None.

City Clerk Bartlett called attention to the fact that there were minutes of three previous meetings to be approved. Councilman Klusman moved the minutes of the regular meeting of April 23rd., 1935, minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of April 30th., 1935, and the minutes of a special meeting of May 10th., 1935, be approved as written. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

W. R. Lee addressed the board and requested withdrawal of a letter he had previously sent the City Council. By order of the Mayor, this letter was then returned to Mr. Lee.

A communication from O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers, Los Angeles, under date of May 14th., 1935, relative to Amendatory Agreement between the United States of America and the City was read and ordered filed.

Attorney Rippy introduced and read in full

RESOLUTION NO. 700

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AMENDATORY AGREEMENT BETWEEN ACT OF 1927 MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PWA DOCKET NO. 6081.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 700 be adopted. 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.

A communication relative to the proposed connection of Eshelman and Cabrillo avenues was read. Mayor Ludlow ordered this letter filed.

A communication from O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers, Los Angeles, under date of May 6th., 1935, confirming statements that their charge for approving opinion upon such additional bonds as are issued for Torrance Municipal Improvement District #1 will be \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 bond was read. Mayor Ludlow ordered this letter placed on file.

A communication was read from Jacob Stern & Sons, Inc., requesting bonds for installing of roads be cancelled. This was referred to Engineer Leonard for recommendation and report at next meeting.

A communication from Shell Oil Company, San Francisco, under date of April 30th., 1935, reporting franchise earnings as of December 31, 1934, was read.

A communication from Metlox Manufacturing Company, Manhattan Beach, under date of May 14th., 1935, submitting sketch of a neon sign to be erected at 1325 Sartori Avenue was read. Also a request was made by Sandy and Scotty for permission to transfer their sign to a new location. Councilman Hitchcock moved request of the Metlox Manufacturing Company be granted, and permission be given Sandy & Scotty to move their neon sign. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, Washington, D.C. under date of May 1, 1935, informing the city that the regulations of the Administration provide for a detail of Project Estimates was read.

A California Municipal Bulletin, published by the League of California Municipalities under date of May 9, 1935, relative to proposed taxation of automobiles on the basis of weight and value was read. Councilman Stanger moved our City Clerk to wire our State Senator and Assemblyman to oppose this bill, also notify our supervisor and Chamber of Commerce of proposed action. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from Engineer Leonard under date of May 7th., 1935, relative to lower water rates was read. After some discussion this was laid over to next meeting.

Attorney Rippey read a report of pending legislation from the California League of Municipalities. Councilman Stanger moved our City Attorney write our Assemblyman with reference to these matters. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson reported the Boy Scout Rally was a success. He also reported the S.E.R.A. Commissary was moving to 1610 Cabrillo next Monday and that the Recreation Department will move into the building the Commissary is vacating.

City Clerk Bartlett requested authorization to purchase stamps in the amount of \$93.24 in order to mail out weed burning notices. Councilman Stanger moved the stamps be purchased. 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 reported tax collections and business licenses were coming in better than expected. Also building permits were increasing and franchise collections are up to date.

Mayor Ludlow reported he had attended a meeting of Sanitary Sewer District #5, that funds were now available to proceed with the work and the board is considering opening employment offices for registration of labor in the district. He also reported the infringement suit brought by the Activated Sludge Company had been settled for \$8300.

Mayor Ludlow suggested an appropriation of \$15.00 per month be made for the band to help defray expenses. Councilman Stanger moved \$15.00 per month for the next two months be appropriated for this activity. 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.

Mr. Mershon, Torrance Symphony Orchestra leader, requested an appropriation of \$300.00 to finance the orchestra for one year. This to be taken into consideration in next year's budget.

Mr. Albert Isen in the audience requested information with reference to the municipal water situation. Mayor Ludlow gave the required information to Mr. Isen.

Mr. Taylor of The L.B. Price Mercantile Company suggested the Council modify the license ordinance to cover his line of business at a rate of \$24.00 per year. This matter was referred to the City Attorney.

Councilman Klusman moved all bills properly audited be paid. 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 Tolson moved that the meeting be adjourned to Tuesday, May 21st., 1935, at 7:45 P.M. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Ludlow declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

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

Approved:

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