

Torrance, California.  
October 8, 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 Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, Tuesday evening, October 8, 1935.

Mayor Ludlow called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M.

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

Councilman Stanger moved that the minutes of the regular adjourned meeting of September 30th and the special meeting of October 3rd, 1935 be approved. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mayor Ludlow declared a special dispensation to set aside the usual order of business, and City Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, stating that funds available for P.W.A. projects have been insufficient to make allotments, but that such allocations as have been approved by the President have been made on the condition that work must be started in a substantial manner on or before December 15th and must be completed within the time specified in the application.

City Clerk Bartlett also read a communication from Walker and Eisen, dated October 8th, stating their willingness to complete the drawings and specifications at actual book cost, eliminating any profit, in the event that the P.W.A. should decline to proceed with the financing, and requesting two payments, one at the time of authorizing the work, in amount of \$500.00, and the balance to complete the actual cost upon the delivery of drawings and specifications.

Councilman Stanger moved that Walker and Eisen be authorized to complete the plans and specifications for the Public Library Building, City Hall and Jail Building, and Public Assembly Hall by the 29th of October, and that these plans be filed with the P.W.A. immediately upon approval by the City Council, it being understood that the charges for preparing the plans and specifications be the actual book cost covering the work to be done, and that \$500.00 be immediately paid to Walker and Eisen to apply on account of such costs, the balance to be paid upon delivery of drawings and specifications, this final payment to Walker and Eisen to be made upon receipt of a certified public accountant's itemized statement of expense in connection with the work done. The City Clerk was authorized to advise the P.W.A. office of this action and to transmit copy of such communication to the firm of O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers, with instructions to advise the P.W.A. Washington office of the action taken.

Councilman Tolson seconded the motion; the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

A short recess was declared at 7:59 P.M., and the Council reconvened at 8:04 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS

The City Clerk read a letter from Charles E. Conner, Postmaster of the City of Torrance, inviting the City Council to attend the dedication of the new Post Office at 3 P.M., October 12th. Filed.

A communication from Swett and Crawford, insurance agents, referring to automobile insurance for the City. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be filed. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried.

A communication from the General Pipe Line Company of California, inclosing pipe laid statement, for matter of record; filed.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 750

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE  
TO CONTRACTORS TO BID ON UNITS B, C AND D OF  
WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENTS OF P.W.A. DOCKET NO. 6081

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 750 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion; the record of vote is as follows:  
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for first reading, and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 270

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING  
FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$85,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION AND  
CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS  
OF SAID CITY, AND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF SAID BONDS

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 270 be approved for its first reading. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion; the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for first reading and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 271

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING  
A SPECIAL GAS TAX STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 271 be approved for its first reading. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion; the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy reported that he had investigated the offer of the Southern California Edison Company in regard to the 40% discount on overhead street lighting system and that he could see nothing wrong with it, and he recommended its acceptance.

Councilman Stanger moved that this proposal of the Southern California Edison Company be accepted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$300.00 be made for starting work on the galvanized iron store room in the City Yard. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion; the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$125.00 be appropriated for a second-hand car (a 1929 Ford), to be used by the Street Department. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion; the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Councilman Stanger reported that he and Councilman Hitchcock had investigated the sign at Marcelina and Arlington Avenues and had found that it did not direct properly and that a new sign would be necessary. He also reported that it would be advisable to improve the directing signs at Carson and Manuel.

Mayor Ludlow suggested that the corner of Engracia, El Dorado and Arlington is also a very confusing corner for motorists.

It was decided that these three signs be taken care of (at an approximate cost of \$12.00).

Councilman Stanger also asked the Council to consider the placing of six more illuminated stop signs in the pavement, two to be placed on Hawthorne - Sepulveda Road, and four at Arlington and Carson. (Cost, \$9.00 each.)

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Police Commissioner be authorized to proceed with the purchase and installation of the road signs and stop signals. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion; the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

City Clerk Bartlett was instructed to have the Chamber of Commerce see to the proper lighting of the Neon sign at Hawthorne Boulevard, which was reported as not functioning properly.

Councilman Tolson reported that the horse-shoe courts could be moved and that volley ball courts could be installed, and some lawn and decomposed granite be put in, all at a slight expense, and that the handball court (which would cost approximately \$200) could be installed later.

Mayor Ludlow read a letter from the National Youth Administration, dated October 3rd, asking permission to present their program to the Council. It was explained that this movement meant the employment by the government of young people between the ages of 18 and 24, who are on relief, for forty hours per month, at a salary of \$21.00 per month. Any number of these young people could be used by the city to do work which would not take away from the regular employees of the city, and that the government would pay the salaries.

Engineer Leonard was requested to contact Mr. Mellinkoff, of this organization, in regard to this matter.

The City Engineer reported that he had contacted the man who had requested permission to place a galvanized iron building on the Dennis lot on Carson Street, and had informed him that it would be impossible.

Councilman Stanger asked that the City Engineer be authorized to contact Walker and Eisen as to the added expense of a parking space in the new buildings.

Mayor Ludlow reported on the sewer meeting held on the afternoon of October 8th. He stated that he had invited the group to meet in the Council Chambers at Torrance, then to have lunch, and afterwards to view the sewer work as it is developing. City Clerk Bartlett was asked to communicate with Mr. A.K. Warren and to ask him if he would like the City to arrange the luncheon in the Woman's Clubhouse (or other such place), and if so, how many would be expected to attend.

Mayor Ludlow reported that of 394 men employed on the sewer work, 56 had been placed from Torrance (although this figure did not mean men actually on relief). He stated that work was to be given to men who had already been residents of the Torrance district for at least a year, and not to those who moved here and registered just for the purpose of securing the work.

Councilman Stanger was requested to ask Judge Robert Lessing to contact Mr. Warren and discuss the sewer project.

Mayor Ludlow stated that he believed it would bring good results if a telegram were sent to Mr. Connolly, asking him to explain why the Torrance projects had not been sent through to the San Francisco office of the P.W.A.

Councilman Stanger moved that the Mayor be authorized to send a telegram to Mr. Connolly regarding the Torrance projects and making inquiry as to why they have not been sent through. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

The City Clerk called attention to the fact that the Sepulveda Highway celebration date had been changed to October 20th at 2:30 P.M., and stated that the Chamber of Commerce had requested that the Council enter a car in the caravan.

City Engineer Leonard presented a map showing the major roads in the City of Torrance, for submittal to the State as the proposed projects to be considered by the P.W.A.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the map presented by Mr. Leonard be approved and that he be authorized to forward same to the State office. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried.

Engineer Leonard reported on improvement of Vista Highlands, comprising sewer service, the estimated cost of which was \$49,237, together with the improvement by paving and providing sidewalks on certain streets, estimate for which was: Paving, \$34,675. Sidewalks, \$13,674.

Further, for providing sewers for South Torrance (Lomita section), estimate of cost - \$95,536.

Expense of providing tennis and handball courts, together with fencing railroad right-of-way, total cost of \$3724.

It was moved by Councilman Stanger that the City Engineer be authorized to prepare and submit to the W.P.A. the above projects. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion; the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Engineer Leonard reported that the water well was on the pump and that they were getting about 1500 gallons per minute. He stated an analysis would be made on October 9th and samples of the water taken, and that it would be approved by the City Council and then turned over to the State office, at which time there will probably be no delay in getting approval to start on the second well.

As no protests had been received or filed against the vacation proceedings of certain portions of Ellis Avenue, Attorney Rippe presented for first reading and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 272

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
DECLARING THE VACATING AND CLOSING UP  
OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ELLIS AVENUE

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 272 be dispensed with. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 272 be approved for its first reading. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion; the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

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

Upon motion of Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

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

Approved:

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