

Torrance, California.  
November 26, 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 on Tuesday evening, November 26, 1935.

Mayor Ludlow called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

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

Councilman Stanger moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 12th, the adjourned regular meeting of November 15th and the adjourned meeting of an adjourned regular meeting of November 21st, 1935 be approved as written. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried.

Upon motion of Councilman Klusman, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, a recess was declared at 7:47 P.M. and the Board of Library Trustees convened for the purpose of approving the minutes of the meeting held November 12, 1935. Trustee Hitchcock moved that the minutes be approved. Trustee Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried. Upon motion of Trustee Klusman, seconded by Trustee Tolson, the meeting of the Board of Library Trustees adjourned at 7:48 P.M. and the City Council reconvened.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the Union Oil Company re franchise earnings, giving \$6.44 in payment of 2% of gross receipts for the year ending November 7th.

Communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce re meeting held November 18, endorsing Fire Department's annual Christmas program, and requesting appropriation of \$250.00. Councilman Stanger moved that the same amount which was voted last year, namely \$150.00, be appropriated. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce regarding appropriation of \$150.00 for securing and displaying decorations and for a Santa Claus program at Christmas time. (This amount to be an advance to their fund.) Councilman Hitchcock moved that this request be granted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Communication from the Street Naming Committee of the Association of City Planners of the County of Los Angeles, recommending that 8th Avenue in Inglewood, Cypress Avenue in the County of Los Angeles, and Cedar Avenue in the City of Torrance be changed to Crenshaw Boulevard. At the request of Engineer Leonard, Clerk Bartlett also read a portion of the minutes of Planning Commission meeting held September 17, 1935 regarding this change in name, and Mr. Leonard recommended the change. Councilman Klusman moved that the request of the Street Naming Committee be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried, and the Clerk was instructed to advise of this action.

Communication signed by six business men, concerning the drainage condition at Carson and Cabrillo and at Carson and Cravens. City Engineer Leonard stated that this petition was warranted, but explained that it is a difficult situation to remedy. He explained that there are six pipes under the Pacific Electric road, but that due to the quicksand settling on the hardpan, it is hard to fill in properly. He also stated that funds for the improvement of Cabrillo Avenue will not be available until about February 15th. The matter was referred to the Street Department and the City Engineer for whatever solution might be worked out at this time.

Communication from the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, addressed to the City Engineer, regarding gas tax street improvement funds being available in advance. Engineer Leonard stated that this letter meant that payment could be made out of the General Fund, which could be reimbursed later from the special gas tax street improvement fund. Filed.

Communication from the League of California Municipalities, announcing publication of outstanding addresses at 1935 League Convention. It was decided to order one copy of this publication at the price of \$1.50.

Clerk Bartlett read weekly reports on the work at the White Point Outfall Sewer project. The report for the week ending November 6th. showed 48 Torrance men employed, and 38 from Lomita. The November 13th report showed 49 Torrance men, 37 from Lomita, and 9 from Inglewood. Filed.

Communication addressed to Torrance Water, Light & Power Company, from McKesson Western Wholesale Service Druggists, inclosing copy of contract for ammonia requirements. Engineer Leonard stated that the prices were the same as previously, and that only one other bid had been received, which had certain restrictions. A letter from the same firm offered

the same price as last year on the liquid chlorine requirements. It was explained that the contracts would have to be to June 30, 1936, rather than December 31st. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the contracts be executed for a six months' period ending June 30, 1936. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Communication from Walker & Eisen, Architects, submitting recommendations relating to the erection of the public buildings: (1) That award be made to Petley and Matcham as low bidder on the Public Assembly Hall, (2) That award be made to Petley and Matcham as low bidder on the City Hall and Jail Buildings (with the understanding that \$3510 be deducted for garage and paving), and (3) That award be made to R. J. Daum as low bidder on the Public Library Building.

Mayor Ludlow stated that the Council is at the present time unable to take any action, except to receive recommendations, as word has not been officially received from the Government regarding the grant.

Councilman Tolson moved that the recommendations of Walker & Eisen be received and the communication be placed on active file for future action. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried.

Clerk Bartlett reported that Mr. Beebe had advised that the Council adjourn this meeting to Tuesday, December 3rd., for the purpose of awarding contracts and for accepting bids on bonds.

Clerk Bartlett stated he had a request from Mr. V. M. Bates to plant a Chinese Sacred Tree in front of his property at 1904 Arlington Avenue. Councilman Stanger moved that this request be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

At 8:25 P.M. Mayor Ludlow was excused, and upon motion of Councilman Stanger, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, Councilman Tolson was appointed to serve as Mayor Pro tem.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 274

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
DECLARING THE VACATING AND CLOSING UP  
OF NEECE AVENUE

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 274 be approved for its first reading. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Ludlow.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 778

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, ACCEPTING BILL OF SALE TO CERTAIN PIPE LINES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FROM THE BOARD OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF BILL OF SALE COVERING CERTAIN PIPE LINES IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 778 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Ludlow.

Attorney Rippy presented a communication from Anton Huber, by his Attorney in Fact, Mr. John C. Smith, granting to the City Council an option to purchase 100 ft. of Lots 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 8, Torrance Tract for \$6500.00 cash and 30 ft. of these lots for \$1500.00 on contract. Councilman Hitchcock moved that this communication be filed. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried.

Councilman Hitchcock reported regarding the beautifying of the parking strip on Torrance Boulevard, stating that some of the business men along that street favored the planting of this strip, while others wished to use it as parking space for their customers. Inasmuch as no money is available to make any improvements, it was decided to let the matter stand.

Engineer Leonard was asked by Councilman Hitchcock if the strip could be paved, and he reported that this could not be done because of an agreement with the Pacific Electric Railway Company.

Councilman Klusman stated that he wished to go on record as favoring a different selection of lots for the auditorium site than the ones offered by Mr. Huber, as he wished to avoid the taking of \$1500.00 from the general fund.

At 8:50 P.M. Mayor Ludlow returned and resumed the chair.

Councilman Stanger reported that some arrangement would be necessary for servicing the rolling stock with gasoline, while the present jail building is being razed and the new one being constructed. After some discussion, this matter was referred to Councilmen Hitchcock and Clerk Bartlett for investigation and report at next meeting.

Councilman Tolson reported that Mr. Dale Riley would start his duties in charge of the Recreation Dept. on Friday, November 29th. He also reported that there was a possibility of securing a portion of the Veteran's Relief building for the Recreation Dept. He also reported that an archery club is being formed.

Mayor Ludlow reported that the set-up covering the sewer comfort station, etc. at the park had received approval, and that Torrance would bear 20% of the cost.

Engineer Leonard reported that the casing for the second well was set and that pumping would start immediately after Thanksgiving and continue for four or five days. He also stated that there was a delay on the high storage tank, due to harbor strikes.

Engineer Leonard further reported that clearance had been received from the P.W.A. in regard to the three waterworks units on which contracts were awarded.

Mayor Ludlow stated that a number of people in Torrance had expressed a desire to bid on fire insurance for the three proposed municipal buildings and to inspect the specifications. It was decided to receive bids from both Board and non-Board companies, and Clerk Bartlett was instructed to notify various parties who might be interested in submitting bids.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Elman again offered his lots (95' x 100') for the library site at the price of \$7500 (or \$5500 for the one 65' x 100' lot). Mayor Ludlow assured Mr. Elman that his lots would be considered before making a final decision as to the site.

Councilman Stanger moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Councilman Tolson moved that the meeting adjourn to Tuesday, December 3, 1935 at 4:30 P.M. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

*D. H. Bartlett*

City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

*J. R. Ludlow*  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.

*Wm. A. Tolson*  
Mayor Pro tem of the City of Torrance.