

Torrance, California.
January 28th., 1936.

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, January 28, 1936, at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Ludlow called the meeting to order.

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

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 14, 1936 be approved as written. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the County Board of Supervisors, addressed to the City Council, regarding legality of sale of automobiles on Sundays and asking if the City of Torrance has an ordinance covering same. Clerk Bartlett was instructed to advise that no such ordinance is now in effect in Torrance, and the matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee for investigation and report at the next meeting.

Communication from County Board of Supervisors, inclosing corrected copy of resolution with reference to Cedar Avenue improvement.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 818

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE DECLARING A PORTION OF CEDAR AVENUE
(NOW CRENSHAW BOULEVARD) TO BE A PORTION OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 818 be adopted. 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 the Works Progress Administration addressed to the City Engineer, advising that applications 1101-712 and 1101-1004 had been forwarded to Washington and had Presidential approval, but had not yet received the Comptroller General's counter signature.

Communication from W. M. Nickum, addressed to the Council, regarding the use of the baseball field Sunday afternoons by his ball club and stating that he understood that the present club was disbanding.

Councilman Tolson reported that the Torrance club has reorganized. The matter was referred to Mr. Tolson for proper recommendation.

Communication from County Board of Supervisors regarding flood control program by army engineering corps, and calling attention to trip and meeting on February 7th. Councilmen Tolson, Hitchcock and Ludlow, as well as Engineer Leonard and Attorney Rippey, stated that they expected to attend.

Communication from County Sanitation District of Los Angeles regarding employment on White Point outfall sewer project.

Mayor Ludlow explained how this matter happened to be brought up and suggested that the matter be turned over to Judge Robert Lessing to work out a way for Torrance men to have a better opportunity to secure the work.

Communication from Local Option League of California regarding proposed liquor control amendment to be presented as initiative measure at November election, and requesting the City Council to pass a resolution of endorsement.

Mayor Ludlow recommended that such a resolution be adopted and forwarded to the Local Option League of California.

Attorney Rippey presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 819

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE APPROVING SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENT TO
CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZING LOCAL OPTION

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 819 be adopted. 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 M. A. Griffith stating that he approved of his sons working part time at the local bowling alley, expressing appreciation of Mr. Bolander's treatment of them.

A gentleman in the audience stated that he has a son 16 years of age working at the bowling alley and he also approved of Mr. Bolander's treatment.

Mr. Bolander said someone had reported that he was employing boys who were too young and keeping them up too late. He stated that older boys or men would not work for the same salary and he could not afford to pay more.

Mrs. Waters stated that she believed the boys should be permitted to continue working at the bowling alley, as they were better off there than on the streets.

Councilman Stanger explained that the City Ordinance provides that boys under 18 years of age shall not be allowed to enter pool halls or bowling alleys, or any place where beer is sold. He also said that the Welfare Dept. had complained to the Coordinating Council regarding the boys working at the bowling alley, and that it is the duty of the Police Department to enforce the ordinance. He said that if the parents and the school which the boys attend will consent to the employment of the boys, the Council will be satisfied.

A claim for injuries sustained by Sara Rowley due to defect in pavement, in the sum of \$203.10, was read.

Councilman Tolson moved that Sara Rowley be paid the sum of \$203.10 in full satisfaction of all claims for damages on account of personal injuries received by her on November 9, 1935, on account of defective pavement, said sum to be paid upon execution of proper release approved by the City Attorney.

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.

Financial report of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 for period ending December 31, 1935, showing balance to surplus in the amount of \$540.57.

Clerk Bartlett called attention to group pictures taken at breaking of ground for new City Hall, stating that they might be purchased at 25¢ each.

Attorney Rippy presented for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 277

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING A PORTION OF SUBDIVISION (e) SECTION 1, ORDINANCE 275, AND PROVIDING FOR 45 DEGREE PARKING ON MARCELINA AVENUE BETWEEN SARTORI AVENUE AND CRAVENS AVENUE

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 277 be dispensed with. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 277 be adopted. 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.

Mr. Koch, of the Star Furniture Company, reported that they have two stores, from both of which loading must be done in front.

Attorney Rippy explained that the ordinance applied only in cases where loading can be done from alleys in the rear.

Mr. Koch then asked if a loading zone could be marked in front of their stores in order to permit loading and unloading, and to prevent the necessity of keeping their truck parked in front of the store.

This matter was referred to the Police Commissioner for recommendation and report.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 820

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 756 AND REQUESTING APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OF THE EXPENDITURE AND RETENTION OF GAS TAX FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1936.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 820 be adopted. 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.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be requested to contact the State Highway Department with reference to advance on 1/4¢ gasoline funds to be used towards the further improvement of Cabrillo Avenue.

Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that the drainage pipes were placed on Cabrillo Avenue at Cravens under the Pacific Electric tracks.

Councilman Hitchcock also reported that the chairs mentioned at the last meeting had been investigated but had not been found satisfactory; however a further investigation was to be made.

Councilman Stanger reported that he had not been able to contact Mr. Perry, who had requested permission to start a boxing club, but that people who knew him very well had recommended him highly, and suggested that a permit be granted to Mr. Perry, if he is able to find a suitable location.

Councilman Stanger then moved that such permit be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

Councilman Stanger moved that the application of Gust Deplaris for permission to operate a pool hall be rejected, as there are already three pool halls in this city and none of them are doing good business.

Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

Councilman Stanger reported that the yellow sodium vapor lights, as used in Pasadena, are almost prohibitive for the city, due to excessive cost and the necessity of new wiring. He stated that the city of Pasadena is not satisfied, as the lights have only half the efficiency of the type of lights now used in Torrance. He said that two other firms wish to demonstrate their types of light in Torrance on some foggy night. They are 50% cheaper than the sodium vapor lights - one is a violet ray and the other an amber ray. He asked the Council to be ready for a call to witness the demonstrations.

The matter of Mr. Haig's refusal to pay his business license was brought up, and inasmuch as no amended or new ordinance had been submitted, he stated that the Police Department would enforce the existing ordinance in this case.

Councilman Tolson reported that the recreation work was progressing and some men had been sent to Walteria on the project there.

Clerk Bartlett reported that the lamp posts had been carefully checked and some were found to have the paint peeling off in places, but that they would not need further painting until the beginning of the next fiscal year.

The question of posting 2-hour parking signs was brought up, and Councilman Stanger stated that 12 signs would be needed, at an approximate cost of \$8.00 each. It was explained that Ordinance 275 is now in effect, but that the posting of signs was necessary.

Mayor Ludlow reported that the Finance Committee had made a thorough investigation in regard to insurance on the new buildings and had decided upon a rate they believed reasonable to take care of the buildings during construction and for the remainder of the year, namely 30¢ per \$100.00. They had also decided upon a 70% coverage, instead of 90%. He stated that they had decided upon a one-year policy, due to the certainty that the rates would be decreased with improved waterworks and fire protection. It was explained that the total insurance on the three buildings would amount to \$61,600.00 and the premium would be \$184.80.

The Finance Committee recommended that the first year's insurance be taken out with Mr. W. H. Gilbert.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this recommendation of the committee be followed. 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.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. R.H. Stephenson, representing the Lomita Garden Club, stated that it was desired that State Highway 101 be lined with cocos plumosa trees and that if the City of Torrance would buy the trees for the part of the highway in this city, the members of the Garden Club would take care of the planting of them and would care for them for three years thereafter, when the natural rainfall would be sufficient. He stated that the trees could be purchased from a Japanese grower at 45¢ each. He suggested the spacing of the trees 100 feet apart.

Engineer Leonard suggested that a closer placing of the trees would be desirable.

Councilman Stanger stated that he believed that the City should endeavor to make arrangements with Dr. Del Amo for the purchase of the trees, and Mayor Ludlow appointed a committee, consisting of Councilman Hitchcock, Engineer Leonard and Street Superintendent Gascoigne, to contact Dr. Del Amo and ascertain the price of such trees.

Mr. Stephenson then introduced Mr. Cox, a professional gardener, who stated that they would be glad to place the trees and care for them, regardless of where they were purchased or what distance apart they might be placed.

Mr. Gust Deplaris expressed his disappointment at not being granted a permit to operate a pool hall.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. 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.

At 9:40 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Stanger, the meeting adjourned.

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

Approved:

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