

Torrance, California.
March 24, 1936.

MINUTES OF A 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, March 24, 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: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held March 10th, an adjourned regular meeting held March 17th, and a special meeting held March 20th, 1936 (the latter being read audibly by the Clerk) be approved as written. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 7:50 P.M. the Mayor declared a recess in order that the Board of Library Trustees might convene.

The City Council reconvened at 7:55 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Boy Scouts, requesting an appropriation of \$400.00.

Councilman Stanger moved that the appropriation be granted. 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: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Thomas J. Wilkes spoke for the Boy Scouts (41 of whom were present) and thanked the Council for the appropriation. The boys applauded as evidence of their appreciation.

Communication from the Townsend Club of Torrance, asking the Council to petition the United States Congress to support the Townsend Plan.

It was the consensus of opinion - and the City Attorney so stated - that this was not a municipal matter and that it was not within the jurisdiction of the Council to take official action.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Clerk be instructed to advise the Townsend Club that the members of the Council are willing to be approached personally on this matter, but that no official action can be taken.

Letter from Pan American Petroleum Company, inclosing check for \$152.00, covering franchise earnings from January 1, 1935 to December 31, 1935, inclusive.

Communication from the Symphonic Orchestra of Torrance, requesting an appropriation in the new budget.

Councilman Stanger moved that the communication be filed, for future reference to the new Council. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from the Pacific Electric Railway Company, inclosing lease covering 6-inch cast iron water pipe under Pacific Electric right-of-way on Cabrillo Avenue near Plaza del Amo.

Attorney Rippe presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 874

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 874 be adopted. 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: COUNCILMEN: None.

Communication from the Division of Highways District VII, addressed to the City Engineer, regarding tabulation of bids for the improvement of Hawthorne Avenue, and concurring in the award to the Geo. R. Curtis Paving Company, in the amount of \$12,983.60.

Attorney Rippe presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 875

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AWARING CONTRACT TO GEO. R. CURTIS PAVING COMPANY FOR \$12,983.60 FOR PAVING AND GRADING OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE BETWEEN SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND WALNUT STREET

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 875 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: COUNCILMEN: None.

Communication from Division of Highways District VII, regarding improvement of Cabrillo Avenue and other streets with 1/4¢ gas tax funds.

This communication was ordered placed on file for future reference, and the Clerk was instructed to have several copies made, one of which to be kept by the City Engineer.

Clerk Bartlett stated that he had received prices on the type of Library chair preferred by Miss Vogelsson, as follows:

Broadway Department Store - \$4.50 each (in lots of 50 or more.)
Wm. Hoegge Company - \$2.77 each (tax extra)
.45 additional with sliding arm.

The Clerk was instructed to contact local merchants and ask them to obtain prices on this chair.

Communication from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, acknowledging receipt of documents relative to Docket 1176-R - City Hall and Jail Building - Contract B, and approving same.

Communication from Walker and Eisen, Architects, referring to lighting fixtures, and advising acceptance of submission of Solar Lighting Company, also inclosing form letter addressed to Solar Company.

Attorney Rippy stated that the City should deal directly with the general contractors, Petley and Matcham, in this matter and not with the lighting people.

A copy of a communication from Walker and Eisen to Kyle Steel Construction Company, regarding jail equipment, also accompanied the above communication.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 876

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING LIGHTING FIXTURES FOR PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HALL BUILDING AND LIBRARY BUILDING AND AUTHORIZING PETLEY AND MATCHAM, CONTRACTORS, TO ACQUIRE THE SAME

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 876 be adopted. 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: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:20 P.M. Clerk Bartlett requested that the regular order of business be suspended to enable a gentleman in the audience to speak about a type of shade upon which he proposes to submit a substitute bid in lieu of venetian blinds. The gentleman represented the Athey Perennial Shade Company, and stated that he had come at the suggestion of Mr. Eisen. He displayed his shade and explained its advantages.

At 8:35 P.M. the regular order of business was resumed.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 877

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING ACT OF 1927 MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO PAY THE ASSOCIATED PUBLIC UTILITIES CORPORATION THE SUM OF \$742.38, IN FULL SATISFACTION OF REVENUES FROM OPERATION OF WATER SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, DUE THAT CORPORATION FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1935 AND MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1935.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 877 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: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 878

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT OF \$568.69 TO ROSCOE MOSS COMPANY, P.W.A. DOCKET NO. 6081, UNIT "A", WELL NO. 2.

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 878 be adopted. 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: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 879

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING FIRST PARTIAL PAYMENT OF \$15,656.40 TO PITTSBURGH-DES MOINES STEEL COMPANY

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 879 be adopted. 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: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 880

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING ELEVATED STEEL WATER TANK, P.W.A. DOCKET 6081, UNIT "G", AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$1350.00 TO CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON WORKS, FINAL PAYMENT THEREON

Councilman Klusman moved that Resolution No. 880 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: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett requested authorization to pay Western Lighting Company \$97.82 for light standard repair (the money having already been received).

Councilman Stanger moved that this payment be made to Western Lighting Company. 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: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Ludlow asked the City Engineer about the park sewer project. Engineer Leonard stated that so far not sufficient Torrance men had been given employment. He also stated that the sewer line is laid inside the park and that the comfot station is under construction.

Mayor Ludlow asked the City Clerk about the contemplated purchase of the Walteria playground property.

Clerk Bartlett stated that the attorney for the estate is verifying the legal description of the property and will report further.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Slover, who is taking part in the organization of Junior Detectives in Torrance, announced that a celebration is to be held in Culver City on Saturday, April 4, 1936, and the Chief of Police of that City had extended an invitation to the City Council and Police Department of Torrance to attend. He stated that about 115 boys had been signed up already in Torrance.

Clerk Bartlett showed the Council some pictures of the municipal buildings now under construction, stating that they might be obtained from Haig & Haig at 50¢ each.

Councilman Stanger moved that all bills properly audited be paid. 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: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:05 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Stanger, seconded by Councilman Klusman, the meeting adjourned to March 30, 1936 at 7:45 P.M.

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

Approved:

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