

Torrance, California.
July 28, 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 Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, July 28, 1936 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Stanger called the meeting to order.

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

Councilman Powell moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 14, 1936 and of the special meeting of July 17, 1936 be approved as written. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from The Texas Company applying for permission to do geophysical work on Arlington Avenue between 190th Street and Redondo Beach Boulevard, and agreeing to repair any and all damages.

Engineer Leonard stated that he believed the City is fully protected according to the signed agreement.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of The Texas Company be granted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from the General Pipe Line Company, presented as a matter of record, stating that no pipe lines had been laid during the six months ending June 30, 1936.

Communication from the Torrance Fire Department, containing reference to the matter of fire escapes on 3-story buildings in the City of Torrance and stating that these were important for public safety. An exhaustive report of the activities of the Fire Department was inclosed, which was not read.

Engineer Leonard stated that the matter of equipping the three-story buildings in Torrance with fire escapes had been discussed before, but that there had been a question as to whether the ordinance could be made retroactive to cover buildings already constructed. However, he said that the ordinance could be enforced on the reconstruction of the Colonial Hotel building.

This matter was referred to Engineer Leonard for further investigation and report.

Several letters regarding the hog ranch on 182nd Street were ordered filed with the petition protesting against same.

Attorney Rippy presented for second reading and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 285

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 40-a BY ADDING A NEW SECTION
THERETO COVERING FEES FOR SIGNS AND MARQUISES

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 285 be adopted for second reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for first reading and read the title of:

ORDINANCE NO. 286

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE
RATES OF TAXES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1936

Attorney Rippy explained that this had been drawn up in the form of an emergency ordinance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 286 be dispensed with. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried.

Councilman McGuire moved that Ordinance No. 286 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hithcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy stated that the County of Los Angeles had requested that the City of Torrance adopt an emergency ordinance covering the sale and distribution of milk from cows and goats affected with tuberculosis.

Attorney Rippy then presented for first reading and read the title of:

ORDINANCE NO. 287

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING
THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF MILK, CREAM OR
DAIRY PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM COWS OR GOATS AFFECTED
OR AFFLICTED WITH TUBERCULOSIS

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 287 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 287 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hithcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1006

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE REALLOCATING FUNDS FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HALL
P. W. A. DOCKET 1174-R

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1006 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hithcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1007

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE REALLOCATING FUNDS FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY,
P. W. A. DOCKET 1175-R

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1007 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1008

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE REALLOCATING FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF CITY HALL AND JAIL, P. W. A. DOCKET 1176-R

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1008 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1009

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF \$4937.66 FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARY P.W.A. CONSTRUCTION FUND, DOCKET 1175-R, TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1009 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1010

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF \$400.44 FROM THE ASSEMBLY HALL P.W.A. CONSTRUCTION FUND, DOCKET 1174-R, TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1010 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1011

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF \$400.47 FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARY P.W.A. CONSTRUCTION FUND, DOCKET 1175-R, TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1011 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1012

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF \$400.42 FROM THE CITY HALL AND JAIL P.W.A. CONSTRUCTION FUND, DOCKET 1176-R, TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1012 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1013

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF \$295.97 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE P.W.A. ASSEMBLY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND DOCKET 1174-R

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1013 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following

roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1014

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF \$268.65 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE P.W.A. CITY HALL AND JAIL CONSTRUCTION FUND DOCKET 1176-R

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1014 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy stated that he had checked up on the contract between the City of Torrance and the County Health Officer, and that it was evident that the County Health Officer would ex officio become live stock inspector for the City. He then presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1015

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 999 AND PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF LIVE STOCK INSPECTOR UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 284 AND PERFORMANCE OF THE POWERS, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF SUCH INSPECTOR

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1015 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy brought up the matter of furnishing water in the McDonald Tract, and asked if anything further had developed along this line.

Engineer Leonard stated that he had not yet heard from the American States Water Company, but that the petitioners had agreed to accept the conditions set by the City Council.

Attorney Rippy then presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1016

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF WATER PIPE LINE IN McDONALD TRACT OUT OF BOND FUNDS OF ACT OF 1927 MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1016 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The City Attorney reported that he had contacted the County Auditor's office in regard to refunding lighting taxes paid by taxpayers in South Torrance during the fiscal year 1933-34, and was advised by Mr. Seibel that the County, as agent of the City, would refund taxes paid the City of Torrance by taxpayers in this territory during that year for lights, upon the basis of a tax rate to be calculated by the City of Torrance as follows: The amount of money paid by the City of Torrance for lights during the fiscal year 1933-34 to be divided by the total operating expense of the City for that year, the result being the tax rate which should be used by taxpayers in South Torrance in calculating the amount of their refund, the tax rate to be multiplied by the assessed valuation of the property owned by each taxpayer during the fiscal year 1933-34.

Attorney Rippy then presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1017

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO REFUND LIGHTING TAXES PAID BY TAXPAYERS IN SOUTH TORRANCE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1933-34

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1017 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock asked the Street Superintendent about the Prairie Avenue improvement in the McDonald Tract. Mr. Gascoigne replied that a crew is working on this street at the present time.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A lady presented a petition signed by 68 people of the El Nido district, addressed to Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, Los Angeles County Health Officer, protesting against the hog ranch on 182nd Street. This was ordered filed with the other petition.

Mayor Stanger assured the residents of the McDonald Tract that the hog ranch would be moved as soon as possible.

Mr. Giddings, acting as spokesman for property owners, voters and residents of the McDonald Tract, expressed the appreciation of those people for the action of the Council in this matter, stating that it would lead to a kindlier feeling between them and the City of Torrance as a whole. He also said that the improvement of the new road would bring additional business to the Torrance merchants.

Mayor Stanger stated that the average Councilman is a working man and does not have the time to visit any portion of the City, and therefore that the people of each district should bring their problems to the Council.

Mr. John Salm, a resident of the McDonald Tract, stated that he was pleased with the action of the Council concerning the hog ranch, and added that if any further difficulties should arise they would come to the Council for assistance.

Councilman Tolson suggested that the name McDonald Tract be discontinued and that the district henceforth be called "North Torrance", which suggestion was greeted with applause.

Mayor Stanger stated that it is proposed to hang a sign saying "North Torrance" at Prairie Avenue and Redondo-Riverside Boulevard in the not distant future.

Manuel Alvarez presented a written request for the use of the Civic Auditorium from 7 to 12 P.M., September 15 and 16, 1936, and of the Municipal Park from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. on September 16th, for the Mexican Independence celebration.

Mayor Stanger stated that the Civic Auditorium rules required that a rental be charged when the auditorium is used for a special class of people, even though no admission charge is made.

Manuel Alvarez again asked about the use of the Municipal Park for baseball games, and stated that Mr. Riley had informed him that his team could not use the park for the remainder of the season. He said that it had been his understanding that the park could be used by his team if not already booked by someone else.

Mayor Stanger stated that the park was left in the hands of the Recreation Director to a great extent, and that no discrimination would be shown toward anyone.

Councilman McGuire asked Mr. Alvarez how many Sundays his team had used the park, and the reply was eight times. Mr. McGuire said that some organizations had decided against using the park for their picnics because they could not also use the ball grounds, and he said that it was desired to be fair to everyone.

Mayor Stanger stated that he had a request from the Ladies of the Loyal Order of Moose, asking that the City of Torrance furnish a banner for a parade at San Diego on August 8, 1936. They believed this would be good advertising for Torrance, and it was estimated that the cost would be about \$15.00.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted, the amount not to exceed \$15.00. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson stated that Mr. Riley had requested that the Council give him a letter, expressing the desires of the City concerning the use of the Municipal Park.

It was decided that Councilmen McGuire, Powell and Tolson would meet Friday evening and come to some agreement on this matter.

Mayor Stanger reported that Supervisor Leland M. Ford and Road Commissioner Jones were coming to Torrance on July 30th to investigate the condition of Sepulveda Boulevard through this City, and that it was hoped that Supervisor Ford would be instrumental in getting this improvement through this year.

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

At 8:40 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned to August 4, 1936 at 4:30 P.M.

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

Approved:

W. H. Stanger
Mayor of the City of Torrance.