

Torrance, California  
November 17, 1936

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an adjourned regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California on Tuesday, November 17, 1936 at 4:30 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.

The Mayor stated this being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business will be suspended.

Mayor Stanger then called for oral communications.

Mr. Jack Robinson, representing the owners of the Gaylord Apartments, Mayfair Apartments and Star Department Store, protested against the proposed location of a comfort station at Sartori, Post and Torrance Boulevard.

Mayor Stanger moved that the comfort station project be abandoned and that the money appropriated for that improvement be used to defray the expense of improving Narbonne Avenue, from Sepulveda to the City limits. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mayor Stanger also moved that the first money available from the 1/4¢ gasoline funds for major highways be used for the improvement of Narbonne Avenue. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

Dr. Alden Smith, representing the Merchants Association of Torrance, explained their plan for Christmas decorations on the streets of Torrance, and requested that the City purchase and install part of the equipment, which equipment would be retained as property of the City.

After some discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that not to exceed \$500.00 be appropriated for stringer, sockets and bulbs, the equipment to be retained as City property. 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.

Mayor Stanger requested Dr. Smith to be sure that all orders for this equipment be placed through the City Clerk.

Dr. Smith invited the Council to attend the celebration of turning on the lights on November 27, 1936.

Mr. Joe Galdarisi requested the City Council to grant him a license to install a game of amusement, which he claimed was the same as a marble game.

The matter was referred to the City Attorney, to determine if this game would comply with the marble game ordinance, and Mr. Galdarisi was requested to see Attorney Rippy in a few days and get his decision.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1045

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY  
OF LEASE COVERING RECREATION CENTER AT PUEBLO

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1045 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. 1046

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING DESTRUCTION OF EXECUTED BUT UNISSUED BONDS OF ACT OF 1927 MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1046 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. 1047

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 1040.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1047 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.

Mayor Stanger reminded the Council that the next League of California Municipalities meeting is to be held in Arcadia, Thursday, November 19, 1936 at 6:30 P.M.

Councilmen Hitchcock, Tolson and Stanger, Clerk Bartlett and City Treasurer Ludlow expected to attend.

Councilman McGuire asked City Engineer Leonard if the proposed improvement of Torrance Boulevard included the portion to East Road. Mr. Leonard replied that that portion was in the City of Los Angeles, but that the City of Torrance was ready to advertise for bids on the portion from Western Avenue to the depot.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to prepare specifications and estimates on the improvement of Narbonne Avenue. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read the following report of amounts received from the 1/4¢ gasoline tax allocation for major highways:

April apportionment - \$1169.91  
 July apportionment - \$1956.10  
 October apportionment - \$1937.70

Mayor Stanger explained that these three checks were received at the same time, although dated April, July and October.

The Mayor asked the City Engineer about the house on Dominguez Street, which had been discussed at the last meeting, when Mrs. Olca Davis complained that the house was unsanitary and a fire hazard.

Engineer Leonard stated that Health Inspector Isaacs had contacted the chief inspector of the County Health Department in Los Angeles, who was to make an investigation, but he had not yet appeared.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$400.00 be appropriated for the improvement of Ward Street between Newton and Railroad Avenue, in Walteria. 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.

Mayor Stanger said that he had received a letter from the County Librarian, requesting a change in the lighting over the stacks in the Torrance Library. He also stated that he had requested the engineer of the Edison Company to investigate and make suggestions regarding a change in the lighting, and that this gentleman had recommended lights costing \$3.75 each. The Council was invited to inspect a sample light which will be brought to the City Hall by the Edison Company engineer Tuesday evening, November 24, 1936, before the regular Council meeting. Mayor Stanger said that about twelve lights would be needed and that the City Electrician could install them.

At 5:10 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned.

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

Approved:

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