

Torrance, California
June 22, 1937

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, June 22, 1937 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

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

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 8, 1937 and the special meeting held June 9, 1937 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Mr. Roy D. Burkhalter, expressing thanks for the use of the Municipal Park on June 14, for the Hermosa Baptist Sunday School picnic.

Letter of thanks from the Torrance Coordinating Council for the use of the Civic Auditorium on June 18 for the High School Pep Club dance.

Communication from Boone & Stratton, Attorneys, requesting 90-days' extension on C. J. Lyons' permit to operate a hog ranch and to transport garbage.

A request from Mr. Geo. M. Green for an extension of time on his hog ranch permit was also read.

Attorney Rippy explained that if the City desired to grant these requests for extension of time, they could merely fail to enforce Ordinance No. 293 for 90 days.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request for 90 days' extension be granted to those interested in the hog business and that the City Attorney notify them that there will be no further extension of time after that period. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Communication protesting against the recent moving in of a street car in a residential district on Madrid Avenue.

Engineer Leonard stated that the car was moved in without any moving permit or building permit, and he added that verbal protests had been received from other property owners. He stated that the owner is now in San Francisco.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the owner be requested to meet with the Council as a whole upon his return from the north. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire and Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Communication from C. L. Ingold requesting permission to construct a garage on the lot where his new building is located on Marcelina Avenue.

Engineer Leonard stated that the ordinance does not permit the

type of garage Dr. Ingold wishes to construct, in Fire District No. 1. The communication was referred to the City Engineer for reply.

Letter and check from Mrs. Flora McDonald, requesting permit to hold dances in her hall on Carson Street for three months, as a temporary trial.

Attorney Rippy stated that the license ordinance does not provide for any payment except annually.

Clerk Bartlett requested that the Ordinance Committee consider revising the license ordinance, to make it more fair for the small business people of Torrance.

Councilman Deininger moved that a temporary permit for three months be issued to Mrs. McDonald. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire and Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Communication from Torrance Symphonic Orchestra requesting that action be taken to finance four free concerts during the coming season, at a total cost of \$600.00.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this communication be filed with the Finance Committee. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried.

Communication from Michael Sownie requesting license to operate pool hall at 1673 Cravens Avenue, which has been run by Thomas Ford.

Councilman McGuire moved that the permit be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from the South Los Angeles Exposition Committee inviting the City Council to join in plans to secure the location of the Los Angeles Trade Exposition and World's Fair in the Harbor District.

A notice also accompanied the letter regarding a barbecue to be held for the purpose of interesting people in locating the exposition in this district.

Mr. Newton, of the San Pedro News Pilot, stated that he was a member of the Committee and that any participation by the City would be appreciated.

Mayor Tolson referred the matter to the Chamber of Commerce.

Communication from M. R. Overholt regarding lease on property adjoining the City's rifle range for the purpose of removing sand and clay.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1117

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1937-38 FOR REMOVAL OF CLAY AND OTHER PRODUCTS FROM CITY PROPERTY

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1117 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Communication from the City of El Segundo relative to street lighting costs and suggesting the use of energy on a meter basis, rather than on a flat rate basis. Attention was called to a meeting to be held in El Segundo on Friday, June 25, 1937.

Mayor Tolson appointed the City Engineer and the Electrician to attend this meeting.

Engineer Leonard brought up the matter of the water service in the McDonald Tract, and stated that Taylor & Taylor's report was very complete and conservative. He stated that the problem of the

City taking over the water business is complicated by various legal angles, due to the status of the Moneta Water Company. He also stated that if the City starts putting in pipe lines for one district, further requests will be made, and if the entire McDonald Tract is served, the estimated cost would be \$32,000.00. He suggested that the people interested in obtaining water service organize and decide upon a water district, in order that a bond issue might be considered.

Attorney Rippy presented for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 295

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 232

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 295 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 295 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1118

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT
WITH THE GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR
GASOLINE AND OIL FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING
JULY 1, 1937 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1938

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1118 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1119

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT
WITH THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY IN
CONNECTION WITH 11½ FOOT EASEMENT TO THE CITY
OF TORRANCE OFF THE WESTERLY SIDE OF PACIFIC
ELECTRIC'S RIGHT-OF-WAY SOUTH OF CARSON STREET

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1119 be adopted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1120

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR
THE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSITION
OF GARBAGE FOR THE YEAR 1937-38

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1120 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1121

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING SECOND PARTIAL PAYMENT OF \$531.90 TO ESER WIKHOLM, LTD. IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, P. W. A. DOCKET NO. 1487-D

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1121 be adopted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1122

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF RENEWAL OF LEASE WITH THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY COVERING PARKWAY ON TORRANCE BOULEVARD

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1122 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1123

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LEASE AND AGREEMENT WITH W. E. MORRIS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1937-38 COVERING BASEBALL GROUNDS AND CONCESSIONS

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1123 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$153.47 be appropriated for 19,184 pounds of hay purchased from C. S. Austin, of Lomita. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that not to exceed \$500.00 be appropriated for the purchase of a trailer for the Street Department. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1124

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS
WITH GREAT WESTERN ELECTRO-CHEMICAL COMPANY

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1124 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1125

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF INSURANCE
CONTRACTS WITH AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
COVERING GROUP DISABILITY AND ACCIDENTAL GROUP
LIFE INSURANCE OF CITY EMPLOYEES

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1125 be adopted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that \$492.50 be appropriated for a motorcycle for the Police Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that the Quandt Pumping Station be requested to install additional fire plugs in Walteria, as requested by the Chief of the Fire Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock asked Engineer Leonard about the meeting held by the County Board of Supervisors in regard to the gas tax fund distribution.

Engineer Leonard reported that the resolution previously presented to the Council and apparently adopted by the City of Whittier and other cities, was presented to the Board of Supervisors, and it was suggested that the cities not joining in this resolution be considered at a later meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Engineer Leonard stated that there had been some discussion as to the justice of the distribution of this tax money, and he considered it important that the Council attend the next League meeting in case this matter is discussed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Geardt, of North Torrance, asked additional information regarding the water situation in his district. He stated that it was believed that water lines could be installed on Arlington Street at a cost of approximately \$5000.00

Mayor Tolson stated that the City is restricted by law as to what can be done with tax money.

Mr. Geardt said that the property owners in North Torrance are paying taxes, which should include fire protection, and if any house burns down they intend to hold the City responsible, unless water is provided.

Attorney Rippy stated that all water mains in Torrance have been built under bond issues. He stated that the property owners in North Torrance should get together and see how many will sign up for the water service on a contract basis.

Mr. Geardt stated that one property owner might be able to raise the necessary \$5000.00. Attorney Rippy explained that the City would have title to the pipe line, but that the property owners could come to some agreement to repay the man furnishing the money. Mr. Geardt then said that a meeting of the owners would be held, and he requested that Mayor Tolson, Engineer Leonard and Attorney Rippy attend.

Mr. S. R. Ludlow reported that within a short distance of the proposed branch library in North Torrance there is already a branch of the County library, and he suggested that the new one should not be opened if the present one is adequate. He said that no location had yet been secured in WALTERIA, but that the County is ready to establish service as soon as quarters are available.

Mr. Ludlow mentioned the importance of the City purchasing a lot for recreation purposes in WALTERIA, as the present grounds are rented on a month-to-month basis. He asked the Council to consider the possible purchase of such a lot in the budget for 1937-38, adding that perhaps the library could be included later in the same location.

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

At 9:37 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Deininger, the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, June 29, 1937 at 7:30 P.M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:


Mayor of the City of Torrance.