

Torrance, California
July 20, 1937

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, July 20, 1937 at 4:45 P. M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Deininger, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilman Hitchcock.

At 4:47 P. M. Mayor Tolson declared a recess to await the arrival of Councilman Hitchcock.

At 4:48 P. M. Councilman Hitchcock arrived, and the meeting was resumed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors extending an invitation to the dedication program for San Gabriel Dam No. 1, Wednesday, July 21, 1937 at 2:30 P. M.

Communication from the League of Los Angeles County Municipalities regarding a meeting at Santa Monica at 6:30 P. M., Thursday, July 22, 1937. The Clerk was instructed to notify the Secretary that eight would attend from Torrance.

Communication from Hawthorne Tax League regarding meeting Sunday, July 25, 1937 at 8 P. M. at Hawthorne Stadium, for the purpose of discussing the refunding of Hawthorne street bonded indebtedness.

Communication from several local automobile dealers requesting that the City place a license of \$200.00 on used car lots or stores.

After some discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that this communication be referred to the Ordinance Committee and the City Attorney for recommendation. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The matter of business licenses for general contractors, electricians and plumbers was also discussed and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Engineer Leonard recommended that the plans and specifications for a booster pump and other water works improvements be approved and that a resolution be adopted calling for bids.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1143

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS
FOR BOOSTER PUMP AND OTHER WATER WORKS
IMPROVEMENTS ON BEHALF OF ACT OF 1927 MUNICIPAL
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1143 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. 1144

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ON BEHALF OF ACT OF 1927 MUNICIPAL
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION
OF NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1144 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 stated that there is a debt limitation act which may cause some difficulty in working out the problem of a water system in the McDonald Tract.

Engineer Leonard stated that the ownerships are listed, but that due to part of the section being under the Mattoon Act, there will be some difficulty in determining the amount of assessment against each piece of property. He said that he would be able to tell the North Torrance people approximately what it will cost them, at the next regular Council meeting on July 27th.

The matter was again referred to the Engineering Department for further working out.

Engineer Leonard said that he and Mr. Tellefson, of Culver City, had had an interview with County Counsel Kennedy and with Supervisor Ford regarding gas tax fund distribution. He said that Mr. Ford had suggested that a plan be submitted to him.

Mr. Leonard called attention to a combination population and mileage basis plan which has been worked out in this connection.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the plan submitted by the City Engineer be forwarded to Supervisor Ford for his study. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell asked the Council and the City Attorney to meet with him immediately after this meeting and discuss the business license ordinance.

Councilman Deininger moved that an appropriation not to exceed \$450.00 be made for remodeling the kitchen and replacing toilets in the Civic Auditorium. 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 Deininger moved that the custodian be authorized to adjust the drapes in the Civic Auditorium, the cost not to exceed \$100.00. 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 Deininger moved that \$125.00 be appropriated from the Advertising Fund to the Chamber of Commerce for extra advertising. 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 Deininger moved that the first quarterly payment of \$1800.00 be paid to the Chamber of Commerce, in accordance with their contract with the City. 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 Deininger moved that \$50.00 be advanced from the Advertising Fund for the use of the Chamber of Commerce for rent for the month of July, 1937. 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 Deininger reported that a Mrs. Nyland, of 2413 Hawthorne Boulevard, had called upon him this date and complained about the building of an unsightly garage near her property, which she claimed the owner was using for his residence.

Engineer Leonard stated that the building was already under construction when Mrs. Nyland came in and asked him to look at it. The owner then came in and took out a garage permit, stating that he intended to live in it temporarily, but that he intended building a house in front of it within a short time. The Engineer asked the Council to give him a ruling on issuing building permits, and asked if he could refuse anyone a permit to build on acreage around the city, stating that that section is not zoned.

The matter was referred to the City Engineer to straighten out with the owner of the garage.

Councilman Hitchcock brought up the matter of street signs, and stated that he and the City Clerk had investigated the signs placed by the County in Lomita, but that they were made with hollow metal tubing, which he did not believe would hold up in foggy climate, and suggested that the signs be made with wooden cross pieces. He said that Mr. Frank Clark had agreed to submit an estimate on the cost of signs, and stated that he favored having the signs made in Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock then moved that not to exceed \$150.00 be appropriated for street signs. 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.

Councilman McGuire said that a gentleman had contacted him about holding a dog show at the Municipal Park on Sunday, August 8, and he moved that \$50.00 be charged for the use of the park, and that a license in that amount be issued. 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 not to exceed \$350.00 be appropriated for the Police Department to enlarge the pistol range. 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.

Mayor Tolson moved that not to exceed \$300.00 be appropriated for repairs to the Fire Station. 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.

Mayor Tolson presented a request from Mr. J. E. Miller to have the curb painted 120 feet in front of his place of business on Border Avenue, to permit the turning in of trucks and trailers.

Councilman Deininger moved that the request be referred to the Police Committee for investigation and report. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 5:55 P. M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned.

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

Approved:

W. J. Tolson
Mayor of the City of Torrance.