Torrance, California
February 14, 1938

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 Monday, February 14, 1938 at 4:45 p.m.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication from the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities was read, which advised that the next meeting of the League will be held in the City of Huntington Park on February 17, 1938. It was suggested that reservations be made immediately.

A petition, signed by twenty-four property owners, urging the paving and improving of Sepulveda Boulevard, was read.
Councilman Hitchcock moved that the petition be filed and that Engineer Leonard be authorized to direct a letter to this effect to Supervisor Ford, forwarding at the same time a copy of the letter to Councilman Buyers and asking his cooperation. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried.

After a brief explanation of the nature of the drainage project at Carson and Border Streets, and an estimate of the cost, Engineer Leonard recommended the adoption of Resolution No. 1178.

RESOLUTION NO. 1178

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF
CULVERT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1178 be adopted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman Deininger moved that an appropriation of not to exceed $146.50 be made for trucks and alterations at the auditorium. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

There was a great deal of discussion pertaining to the unsatisfactory method of moving the piano back and forth from the floor of the auditorium to the stage. Councilman McGuire went into some detail explaining how a pulley and block could be rigged up to lift the piano back and forth with a minimum amount of jarring, thereby eliminating possible accidents. No definite action was taken on this matter, as it was decided to give the matter further thought and to obtain prices of parts necessary for this.

At 4:58 Councilman Powell arrived.

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Councilman Hitchcock moved that the contract with the Adley Truck Company, covering the sale of a 1935 model truck be cancelled, and that the City of Torrance pay the Adley Truck Company the sum of $225.00 for said company's equity in the truck, the truck to be used by the City of Torrance Street Department. 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 stated that an offer had been made the City of Torrance to purchase all the wood on hand at the City Yard at $8.00 per cord.

Councilman Powell called the attention of the Council to the fact that Mr. Morris has started charging an admission fee at the City Park. It seems that the agreement with Mr. Morris was that only donations were to be accepted, and no regular admission fee to be made. After some discussion as to whether or not Mr. Morris could legally charge an admission, it was decided that Mr. Riley should take the matter up with Mr. Morris and that some agreement be made. It was also decided to get a ruling on the matter.

Upon recommendation of the Fire Chief, Mayor Tolson moved that fire hydrants be installed at the corner of La Silva and Monte Doro, Hollywood Riviera, and at the Corner of Watson and 218th Streets. 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.

Upon recommendation of the Fire Chief, Mayor Tolson moved that the salary of Engineer Gordon Northington be increased from $135.00 per month to $150.00 per month, effective February 1, 1938. 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.

In the matter of the offer received by the City of Torrance for the purchase of certain properties adjoining the City Yard property, Councilmen Hitchcock moved that Clerk Bartlett be instructed to secure an option on the lots until February 24, 1938. Councilmen McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 5:17 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Deininger, the meeting adjourned to February 23, 1938.

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

Approved:

Mayor of the City of Torrance