

Torrance, California
May 24, 1938

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 City Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, May 24, 1938 at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

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

Councilman McGuire moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held May 10, 1938 be approved as written. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Olstyn from the University of Southern California was introduced. Mr. Olstyn went into some detail explaining the University of Southern California Institute of Government plan, stating that the Tenth Annual Session will be held this year on the University campus from June 13 to June 17, inclusive.

Mr. Olstyn reported that 2000 public officials and employees attended the 1937 Institute of Government and urged that the City of Torrance be represented this year.

Mayor Tolson thanked Mr. Olstyn and assured him that the

matter will be discussed at a later date to determine whether or not representatives will attend the session.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Job's Daughters, extending an invitation to the tree planting dedication to be held at the Municipal Park, Sunday, June 5, 1938 at 2:00 p.m.

A communication was read from City of Huntington Beach, extending invitation to official dedication and formal opening of the new beach pavilion and Civic Auditorium on May 28, 1938 at 3:00 p.m.

A communication was read from the Nineteenth District American Legion Auxiliary, extending an invitation to a reception in honor of Pauline E. Ellison on Thursday, June 9, 1938 at 8:00 p.m., to be held in the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

A communication was read from Torrance Elementary Parent Teacher Association re matter of tentative swimming pool. Information was requested as to cost of upkeep, liability insurance, etcetera, in the event the swimming pool project is completed.

A communication was read from Jack Tucker, 1740 Arlington Avenue, requesting removal of pepper tree. The matter was referred to Councilman Hitchcock.

A communication was read from Pacific Electric Railway Company, re renewal of Lease-Agreement on Torrance Boulevard. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the City Attorney for report. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Board of Education, advising that proper parties had been authorized to negotiate for the purchase of the lot adjacent to the Walteria School site, and urging that the City of Torrance vacate that property in order that plans for the Walteria School may be completed.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1185

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF ALLEY IN BLOCK 2 OF SUBDIVISION OF LOT 33, MEADOW PARK TRACT.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1185 be dispensed with. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1185 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1184

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1141, AND ADOPTING NEW WATER AND METER RATES AND/OR DEPOSITS THEREFOR, EFFECTIVE JUNE 22, 1937.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1184 be adopted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Division of Highways regarding traffic markings at the intersections of Routes 60 and 164 in the City of Torrance, and advising that the requested white stop lines will be painted on Hawthorne Avenue at both approaches to Route 60. Also, it was stated that the advisability of moving the present school crossing from Ward Street to the east side of Hawthorne Avenue is very doubtful, since a large percentage of school children use the Ward Street crossing.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that a copy of the letter be sent to the Walteria Improvement Association. Mr. Young reported that a copy had been forwarded that group and the decision was satisfactory to all concerned.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1186

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO ACCUMULATE 1/4-CENT GASOLINE TAX FUNDS DUE THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR USE ON STREETS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1186 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Young reported that he had done a great deal of research work in connection with the prospective swimming pool and tennis courts. He stated that, after visiting several cities who maintain and operate swimming pools, his estimate as to the size pool required for Torrance would be about 50 feet by 105 feet (35 yards). He gave a rough estimate of cost at \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00. A good tennis court, he stated, could be built at a cost of about \$2,000.00.

Councilman Murray moved that Mr. J.W. Minor's position as Playground Director of the Walteria Recreation Department be dispensed with, placing all recreation departments under Mr. Dale Riley, effective June 1, 1938.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the matter will be investigated thoroughly before any definite action is taken. Councilman Murray then withdrew his motion.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that not to exceed \$450.00 be appropriated for a storage building at the City Yard. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The matter of the request submitted by the Harbor Rifle and Pistol Club for establishment of a range in the Weston Tract was brought up. Mr. Young advised that he is waiting for some action on the part of the Club in answer to his letter informing them that a bond will be required. Attorney McCall suggested that a bond of about \$10,000.00 or \$20,000.00 be posted.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the City Attorney with power to act. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from George N. Mershon in regard to the claim of the city that he is in possession of a string bass belonging to the City. Mr. Mershon stated that he is not in possession of the instrument and that it is his wish that no further communications on the matter be addressed to him.

He stated that the string bass was purchased from a fund appropriated a few years ago for the furtherance of symphony in Torrance, who, in turn, delivered four free concerts in consideration of this \$400.00 grant.

Councilman Hitchcock asked Mr. Mershon if he had not, ^{at} the time the string bass was purchased, appeared before the Council and requested that the instrument be purchased. Mr. Mershon replied that he had not definitely requested the purchase, but had merely stated that the instrument was needed.

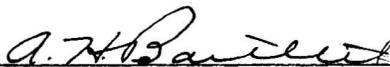
The matter was referred to the City Attorney for a report at the next meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Richard Miller asked the support and cooperation of the City in aiding a group of young men who are desirous of organizing an orchestra. He suggested that some one be paid a nominal sum for instructing music and arranging numbers, etc. for the orchestra. It was decided that Mr. Miller is to present some figures at the next meeting showing how much a project of this nature would cost.

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

At 8:32 p.m., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned to June 6, 1938, at 7:45 p.m.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:



Mayor of the City of Torrance