

Torrance, California  
November 9, 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 Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Wednesday evening, November 9, 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 Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held October 25, 1938 and of a Special Meeting held November 1, 1938 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Torrance Townsend Club

#1, expressing appreciation for cooperation of the City in connection with the Townsend Rally held October 20, 1938. Filed.

A communication was read from The National Business and Professional Women of Torrance, thanking the City for use of the auditorium and for cooperation in making their fashion show of October 28, 1938 a success.

A communication was read from A.C. Golden, 1021 Cravens Avenue, thanking the City, the street and fire departments for cooperation in removing trees.

A communication was read from Mrs. Lela Gonner, asking that the City of Torrance present the Perrry Avenue School with the bass violin, property of the City of Torrance, now in possession of Torrance Musicians Society, Inc.

Attorney McCall reported that the persons in possession of the instrument had consented to restore it to the City this week. Referred to the Police Department and City Attorney.

A communication was read from the Parent-Teacher Association of Fern Avenue School, urging that a recreation center be made available for children on the west side of the City. Referred to Dale Riley, Recreation Department.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, asking an appropriation of funds for purchase of match packets imprinted with pictures of the civic buildings as means of publicizing the City of Torrance to visitors. The idea was approved as an excellent one.

Councilman McGuire moved that the Chamber of Commerce appropriate funds from the Chamber of Commerce allocation for this purpose. Councilman Hitchcock 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 The Walteria Promotional Educational Guild, requesting an appropriation of \$50.00 for Walteria playground Christmas program.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$50.00 be appropriated for recreational and playground Christmas program at Walteria. 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 Clifford F. Reid, requesting the installation of a stop sign on the north side of Camino De Las Colinas (corner Camino de Las Colinas and Via Monte D'Oro in Hollywood Riveira)

J.H. Stroh, Director of Public Safety, advised that an investigation had been made and the sign installed.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the installation of the stop sign be approved. 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.

A communication was read from the General Petroleum Corporation of California, applying for a permit to construct an earthen reservoir for the storage of pitch, to be located approximately 1549 feet westerly of Arlington Avenue and approxiamtely 650 feet of 190th Street.

After some discussion, at which time it was brought out that there are no buildings in that vicinity except those belonging to the General Petroleum Corporation, Mr. R.I. Plomert, Jr. of General Petroleum Corporation, who was in the audience, stated that the reservoir will be surrounded by a high mesh fence.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1221

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE ACCEPTING DEED FOR THE TORRANCE  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT NO. COVERING THE  
NORTHEASTERLY 2 FEET OF LOTS 8, 9, 10, 11 AND  
12 OF TRACT 8766 FROM THE INDUSTRIAL HOUSING  
CORPORATION.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No.1221 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.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from V.G. Barlow, applying for a pool and billiard parlor license at 1673 Gravens Avenue. Referred to the Police Department for recommendation at the next meeting.

A communication was read from Dominguez Land Corporation, requesting the removal within thirty days of the Girl Scout building on Lot 14, Block 24, Torrance Tract, Dominguez Land Corporation property, stating the property had been sold.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the building be moved to the water department's lot on Madrid Avenue and that light and sewer connections be made. 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 the State of California Department of Public Works, together with a tabulation showing the apportionment of October, 1938 quarterly payment of the 1/4-cent gas tax allocation. Presented as a matter of record.

A communication was read from the State of California Division of Highways, recommending that painted crosswalk and pedestrian approach warnings be placed on Hawthorne Boulevard at its intersection with 182nd Street; that a Code W31R Cross Road sign, costing \$19.40 be erected facing southbound traffic in advance of this intersection north of the vertical curve northerly of the intersection.

Clerk Bartlett stated he had also received a request from Perry Avenue School for a safety zone mark in front of the school.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that these requests be granted. 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 read a resolution of the City Council expressing sorrow at the death of Dr. J.S. Lancaster of Torrance and extending sympathy to Mrs. Mildred Lancaster and family.

Councilman Hitchcock, moved that the Resolution be adopted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1222

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS DECLARE CERTAIN STREETS TO BE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE AND ELIGIBLE FOR EXPENDITURE OF 1/4-CENT GAS TAX FUNDS.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1222 be approved. 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.

Clerk Bartlett opened sealed bids for a business type coupe automobile to be used by J.H. Stroh, Director of Public Safety.

COMPANY

BID

Torrance Auto Sales Company  
1420 Cabrillo Avenue

\$1,056.25 without overdrive including Sales Tax and excise tax deducted. \$30.00 additional for overdrive.

Mullin's Motor  
Border & Torrance Boulevard

\$1,043.30

Councilman Hitchcock moved that bids be referred to the Fire and Police Department Committees for investigation and action. 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.

Acting Engineer Young reported receipt of the project proposal for the archeological survey, stating that signatures of the City Clerk and City Engineer are required.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Acting Engineer Young and City Clerk Bartlett be authorized to sign the proposal after it has been approved by the City Attorney. 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.

Attorney McCall reported that the Pacific Electric Railway Company will give clear title to their right of way on Torrance Boulevard for \$1,000.00; he also stated that they will escrow the matter through a local bank provided the city pays escrow charges.

The cost of removing the present railroad track and overhead trolley from the right of way will be not to exceed \$975.00.

After some discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Attorney be authorized to proceed with the escrow on the purchase of the title and upon completion of same, the City of Torrance agrees to appropriate \$975.00 from 1/4-cent gas tax funds for clearing the property of Pacific Electric Railway Company equipment.

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 question arose at this time as to whether or not the fire equipment should go outside the city limits. Director of Public Safety Stroh stated he had been asked by Mr. Ben Lingenfelter to find out the attitude of the Council in connection with this matter.

Mr. Lingenfelter asked that the council go on record as disapproving the fire equipment going outside the city limits unless the City is reimbursed therefor. His purpose in doing this is to present a letter to that effect to the City Council of Los Angeles in an effort to obtain fire protection of some kind for Shoestring Strip (Los Angeles City). It is hoped that, through this action, the City of Los Angeles will either reimburse the City of Torrance when they go into Shoestring Strip on calls, or provide the Strip with protection through their own fire department.

After some discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Council go on record as not favoring ~~favoring~~ going outside the City of Torrance city limits with fire equipment unless the City is reimbursed for expenditure in connection with each outside call, and that the City Clerk be authorized to give Mr. Lingenfelter a letter to that effect.

Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Murray moved that the building at 2708 Carson Street be rented for recreational purposes, at \$20.00 per month. Councilman Powell 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 Powell reported that Mrs. Ralston would like a permit to move an old unfinished building from Arlington Street adjacent to the Municipal Park to a location on Santa Fe property.

Clerk Bartlett stated he had talked with Mr.<sup>s</sup> Ralson and found that she was not financially able to finish the building to comply with the building ordinance and therefore a permit could not be issued.

Councilman McGuire reminded the City Council of the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities meeting to be held November 17, ~~1938~~ at the Civic Auditorium.

Councilman McGuire presented an exhaustive four months' budget record of the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 which was not read in full.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$100.00 be made for alley repair material. 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 read an estimate of resurfacing costs on streets of major importance in the City of Torrance.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING PROJECT STATEMENT NO. 2 BUDGETING THE EXPENDITURE OF 1/4-¢ GAS TAX FUNDS FOR STREETS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1223 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.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$80.00 be made for Christmas tree lights. 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.

Mayor Tolson moved that lights be purchased for decorating the two trees at the east end of El Prado Park, at a cost of not to exceed \$50.00. 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.

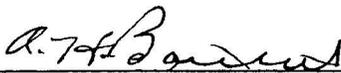
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Joel Hagberg thanked the Council for appropriation of \$50.00 for Walteria Christmas program. He then asked that the dog license ordinance be rescinded, stating that the system of collections is poorly handled and that it is unfair to require people to pay dog licenses, especially when the animals are kept on private property. He also asked the return of the \$10.00 fine he paid for failure to comply with the ordinance and the \$3.00 for the dog license he paid after the judgement was rendered.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this matter be referred to the committee for action, which failed to carry for want of a second.

Councilman Hitchcock moved 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 9:06 P.M., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.

  
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City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

*W. H. Nelson*  
Mayor of the City of Torrance