

Torrance, California  
April 11, 1939

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 evening, April 11, 1939 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 March 28, 1939 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconde/the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Charles T. Rippey, requesting that Lot 7, Block 30, Torrance Tract, be taken out of the fire zone and the set back line on Post Avenue be fixed at 15 feet instead of 20 feet to facilitate effective placing of three houses he proposes to construct on said lot. Referred to the City Engineer for investigation and report at the next regular meeting.

A communication was read from the Torrance Coordinating Council, extending an invitation to the City Council to a dinner at Daniels Cafe April 18, 1939 at 6:30 P.M.

A communication was read from the City Planning Commission, requesting the City Council to enter into a contract by and between the City Council and the County Regional Planning Commission for a period of five years for service from the County Commission to assist the City Planning Commission.

Councilman McGuire moved that the above request be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the City Clerk, City of Los Angeles, advising that the communication from Acting City Engineer Young relative to opening of Western Avenue from its present terminus at Torrance Boulevard to a connection with the improved portion of Western Avenue, had been referred to

the Public Works Committee. No action.

A report submitted by City Attorney McCall on the claim of Melvin J. Trabold for a damaged tire and tube was read. No recommendation was made.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be filed for future reference. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication and statements from Richfield Oil Corporation were read, enclosing check in the amount of \$172.56 to cover payment of 2% of gross receipts under City of Torrance Franchise Ordinance No. 92 for the period from January 1, 1938 to December 31, 1938 inclusive. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Los Angeles County Department of Health, urging the City Council to adopt an ordinance aimed at the control of rabid dogs. A suggested ordinance was enclosed. Referred to the Ordinance Committee for recommendation at the next regular meeting.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, enclosing reports covering office activities and expenditures for the past nine months of the current fiscal year, and requesting an appropriation of \$2000.00 for maintenance and operation of the Chamber for the last quarter, beginning April 1, 1939 and ending June 30, 1939.

Councilman McGuire moved that the request be granted. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1334

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO WAIVE TAXES ON LOT 34, BLOCK "A", TRACT NO. 7506.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1334 be adopted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMAN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1335

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO WAIVE TAXES ON PORTION OF LOT E, TRACT NO. 1427.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1335 be adopted. 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.

At 8:00 P.m., Mayor Tolson ordered opening of sealed bids for (1) the improvement of the intersection of 190th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard and (2) furnishing of electrical material, conduit and fixtures.

Clerk Bartlett opened bids for the improvement of the intersection of 190th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard, Engineer Young reading the bids as opened.

BIDDER

TOTAL BID

VIDO KOVACEVICH  
5400 Imperial Highway  
South Gate, California

\$1,380.30

A bidders bond in the amount of \$400.00 accompanied the bid.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
ANSCO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY 2725 Atlantic Avenue Long Beach, California	\$1,244.80
A certified check in the amount of \$25.00 accompanied the bid. (\$125.00)	
GRIFFITH COMPANY 502 Los Angeles Ry. Bldg. Los Angeles, California	\$1,136.80
A bidders bond in the amount of \$150.00 accompanied the bid.	
S.M. MILOVICH 1113 Olympic Boulevard Montebello, California	\$1,691.80
A bidders bond in the amount of \$500.00 accompanied the bid.	
CANNON BROS. & KESTERSON 1464 W. Compton Boulevard Compton, California	\$1,287.80
A bidders bond in the amount of \$150.00 accompanied the bid.	

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the bids be referred to the City Engineer and City Clerk for checking and recommendation. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett opened bids for furnishing of electrical material, conduit and fixtures, engineer Young reading the bids as opened.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
STANDARD WHOLESALE ELECTRIC MART 724 East Washington Boulevard Los Angeles, California	\$1,114.33
A certified check in the amount of \$116.46 accompanied the bid.	
WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO. 905 East Second Street Los Angeles, California	\$1,206.54
A certified check in the amount of \$150.00 accompanied the bid.	
GREAT WEST ELECTRIC CO. 613 North Hewitt Street Los Angeles, California	Unit prices only.
A certified check in the amount of \$75.00 accompanied the bid.	
LISTENWALTER & GOUGH, INC., Los Angeles, California	\$1,141.44
A certified check in the amount of \$125.00 accompanied the bid.	
ELECTRIC WHOLESALE MART 1373 N. Broadway Los Angeles, California	\$1,181.08
A cashier's Check in the amount of \$115.00 accompanied the bid.	
LADCO WHOLESALE ELECTRIC CO. 2920 West Pico Street Los Angeles, California	\$1,108.18
A certified check in the amount of \$114.00 accompanied the bid.	
GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC., 201 Santa Fe Avenue Los Angeles, California	\$1,161.24
A certified check in the amount of \$120.00 accompanied the bid.	

CALIFORNIA WHOLESALE ELECTRIC COMPANY  
 120 N. Santa Fe Avenue  
 Los Angeles, California

\$1,139.40

A cashier's check in the amount of \$114.00 accompanied the bid.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the bids be referred to the City Engineer, City Electrician and City Council as a whole for checking and recommendation. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Engineer Young reported he had contacted Mr. J.M. Christensen relative to his request for widening of the sidewalk on Marcelina Avenue. Engineer Young estimated the cost of widening of the 850 square feet of sidewalk at \$102.00. It was decided to defer action on this matter until the return of Attorney McCall.

Engineer Young reported he and Mr. Gascoigne had investigated the request of the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce for a street light at Cherry Street and Redondo Avenue and had placed a sign "Not a Through Street" at an appropriate point.

Engineer Young advised that the Pacific Electric Railway Company have installed their culvert on El Prado near Western Avenue.

Councilman Powell read a brief notice pertaining to law enforcement in the City of Torrance, repeating his statement made at a previous meeting that revenue derived from gambling interests is not needed in the City of Torrance. He commented that, although the City of Torrance expends approximately \$2,000.00 per month for police protection, it has been necessary for the Sheriff's Office to take steps toward remedying the gambling situation in the City of Torrance. He implied that some one connected with the City Administration has full knowledge of the various gambling activities, but are not conscientiously fulfilling their duties of office, in that they neglect to take any action in connection with this matter. He very emphatically denounced this as a careless practice and said that, if and when the guilty party or parties are exposed, he will personally extend every effort to have them removed from office.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$190.99 be made for 116.6 tons rock for street repair. 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 a notice be posted at the City Dump prohibiting dumping of materials hauled in from oil fields outside the City limits. 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 Hitchcock reported that requests for street repair received at the last meeting had been complied with (166th Street and Cherry Avenue - Andreo Avenue)

Councilman McGuire presented a report of the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 for the quarter ended March 31, 1939. The report covered Assets and Liabilities and Revenues and Expenditures, showing a balance to surplus for the quarter - \$3,927.33

Mayor Tolson moved that the American -LaFrance engine which has been replaced by another type of engine be sold for \$40.00. 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 an appropriation of not to exceed \$65.00, plus sales tax, be made for a fog nozzle for the Fire Depart-

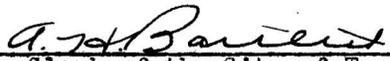
ment. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that the Torrance Municipal Band be authorized to attend the Bellflower Light Way Celebration May 19, 1939 at a cost of not to exceed \$100.00, per the request of the Bellflower Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

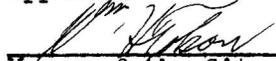
Mayor Tolson welcomed the Mayor and a City Councilman of the City of Hermosa Beach, who were in the audience.

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 8:45 P.M., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned to April 15, 1939 at 4:30 P.M.

  
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

  
 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Torrance. California