

Torrance, California  
August 22, 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, August 22, 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 and Tolson. Absent: COUNCILMEN: Murray and Powell.

Councilmen Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held August 8, 1939 and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held August 15, 1939 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Southern California Gas Company, enclosing check for \$2.82 amount due on pipe line laid in the City of Torrance under County of Los Angeles Franchise No. 463 during the period from January 1, 1939 to June 30, 1939.

A petition, signed by a number of the residents of Pueblo, was read, requesting the City of Torrance to provide a ground for recreational purposes in their district. It was stated that the owners of a certain piece of property in Pueblo would not object to its use for recreational purposes. Street Superintendent Gascoigne reported that his crew was now working on that land.

A communication was read from the Torrance Investment Company requesting the sidewalk and curb be extended, and paved between the building and curb in front of the market which is now being erected at 2067 Torrance Boulevard.

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

A communication was read from the Chamber of Commerce, ratifying extension of Agreement between the City of Torrance and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce covering budget expenditures for fiscal year beginning July 1, 1939 and requesting revision of Paragraph 7 of said Agreement. Referred to the City Attorney for approval.

A communication was read from the Chamber of Commerce, requesting approval of their appropriation of \$250.00 to the Torrance Factory Frolic for its forthcoming activity to be held September 28, 29 and 30, 1939.

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

A communication was read from the Chamber of Commerce, requesting approval of their appropriation of \$150.00 to the Torrance Municipal Band for its participation in the forthcoming Los Angeles County Fair to be held September 15th to October 1st, September 17th having been offered for the Band's appearance.

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 and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Murray and Powell.

Engineer Young reported that considerable progress had been made on the fire zone ordinance and that it will soon be ready for presentation to the Ordinance Committee.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the title of City Engineer be bestowed upon Mr. Young to replace the title of Acting City Engineer. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$10.00 be made for the Southwest Cities Flood Control Association to cover 1939-40 dues. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None; ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Murray and Powell.

Mayor Tolson stated that he had been requested by the residents of the Vista Highland section that the recreation center in that district be kept open. Mr. Riley advised that said recreation center, as well as others, would not be closed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Messrs. Mau and Capelino asked that the City of Torrance permit the Southern States Water Company to transmit water through the

mains already laid down under Redondo-Beach Boulevard, thereby serving their small community whose wells have recently gone dry.

Mayor Tolson recommended that Engineer Young, together with Messrs. Mau and Capelino, contact Mr. Anderson of the Southern States Water Company and report on the matter at the next meeting.

Mr. Leatherman talked at some length on the possibility of obtaining a suitable piece of property for the establishment of a camp ground for the boy scouts. He stated it would not be possible to locate a camp at Palos Verdes Hills as the property desired had been dedicated to the Hollywood Riviera District. He stated further that he had been informed of a suitable piece of property at 244th Street and Ocean Avenue, WALTERIA and that he would contact the owner with a view to obtaining it for the benefit of the boy scouts. Mayor Tolson suggested the matter be taken up with the Committee representing the boy scout movement.

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 and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. COUNCILMEN: ABSENT: Murray and Powell.

At 8:19 P.M., upon motion of Mayor Tolson, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned to August 23, 1939 at 4:30 P.M.

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

Approved:

W. B. Tolson  
Mayor of the City of Torrance