

Torrance, California
October 10, 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, October 10, 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 September 26, 1939 and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held October 3, 1939 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Pacific Electric Railway Company, relative to the removal of tracks and facilities along the Cabrillo Avenue right of way if same is acquired by the City of Torrance. Action on the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

A petition bearing twenty-three signatures was read asking the City to provide drainage facilities in the Meadow Park Tract in WALTERIA from the east to the west side of Hawthorne Boulevard. Referred to the Engineering Department for report.

A communication was read from Carl L. Hyde, commending the City Council on the proposed zoning for residential purposes of the Vista Highlands area, particularly the portion bounded westerly from Cedar Avenue to Iris between Carson Street and Torrance Boulevard. Referred to the Planning Commission.

A communication was read from the Torrance Investment Company proposing that Date Street be extended through Block 9, Tract 4070 from Sonoma Street to Eldorado Street.

Councilman Hitchcock moved the matter be referred to the City Engineer for report. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Helen M. Vega, 44 Harriett Street, Pueblo, requesting a rebate on her business license, stating the owner of the building where she had been located has closed the building. Councilman Murray moved that the request be granted but withdrew the motion when it was decided to defer the matter until the City Attorney rules upon the legality of refunding business licenses.

A communication was read from the Torrance Conservatory of Music, 2087 Torrance Boulevard, requesting free use of the Civic Auditorium November 8, 1939 for a free community dancing and musical program.

Mayor Tolson stated that, inasmuch as requests for free use of the auditorium have become so numerous, it has been necessary to adopt a policy requiring that everyone using the auditorium pay the usual rental fee.

A communication was read from George A. Mort, applying for permit to operate a cafe and billiard parlor at 1515 Cahrillo Street. Referred to the Police Department for report at the next meeting.

A communication was read from R. L. Stubblefield, applying for license to operate cigar store at 1222 El Prado Street, seeking permission also to operate pinochle, rummy and dominoes games as pastime games.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this request be referred to the Director of Public Safety Stroh for recommendation. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Engineer Young presented Memorandum of Agreement submitted by the State Highway Department regarding accumulation of 1/4-c Gas Tax Funds for the coming year.

In connection therewith, Engineer Young presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 1365

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING MEMORANDUM
OF AGREEMENT FOR ACCUMULATION OF 1/4
CENT GAS TAX ALLOCATED FOR STREETS OF
MAJOR IMPORTANCE.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1365 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.

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Engineer Young presented a Supplemental Memoranda of Agreement for expenditure of 1/4-c Gas Tax Funds on State Highways and in connection therewith presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 1366

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING MEMORANDUM
OF AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF 1/4
CENT GAS TAX ALLOCATED FOR STATE HIGH-
WAYS.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1366 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.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$100.00 be made for hoist for the city trucks. 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 moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$200.00 be made for road material for Lomita Boulevard. 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 McGuire moved that an additional \$50.00 be appropriated for a bus survey and census, making the total appropriation \$150.00, \$100.00 having been appropriated at a previous meeting. 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.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Mayor Tolson be designated as Director of the Los Angeles County League for the year 1939-40. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Tolson called for a report regarding the request of Mrs. M. E. Attebery for a fire plug at 4010 West Sepulveda Boulevard. Clerk Bartlett advised that Director of Public Safety Stroh had found upon investigation a two inch line is the only available one, not large enough for fire use. He added, however, that Mr. Quandt, whose pumping plant furnishes water to that district, will submit a report at the next meeting as to what can be done.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

At this time a discussion began relative to the recent purchase or lease, of a Mack fire truck, it being the general opinion that the City had paid a price in excess of the true value of the equipment.

Mr. Albert Isen advised he had gained the impression that erroneous reports had been given the local newspaper with the intent to mislead the public, in that, he said, the public was of the impression a new truck was being purchased. In reality, he said, the equipment was of a 1931 or 1932 model, which could be replaced for \$5500.00 or \$6,000.00 at the most. Therefore, he maintained the purchase price of \$8600.00 was far in excess of the value of the truck.

Mr. Pruitt stated that the manufacture of the model acquired by the City has been discontinued, to which Mayor Tolson replied that letters are on file from the Mack Truck Company to the effect that this model is being manufactured.

Mr. Pruitt also said that the dual serial number of the motor indicates a rebuilt motor. Mayor Tolson answered that he had investigated and found the truck had never been registered.

Mr. Pruitt added that the truck had been used a great deal. Mayor Tolson advised that, although the truck had been to fires, the pump had never been used. Mayor Tolson added that, since the truck is new to the City of Torrance, he generally referred to it as such, which, he said, might account for the general impression that an altogether new truck was being purchased.

Correspondence from the Mack Truck Company substantiating Mayor Tolson's statements were read by Clerk Bartlett.

Mr. Fay Parks thanked the City Council for their cooperation during the Factory Frolic held September 28, 29, 30, 1939.

Mr. Miller asked if the City would attend to the floor which was laid for dancing during the Frolic program, the reply being in the affirmative.

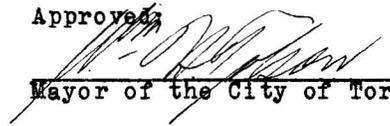
Councilman Hitchcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:47 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned.



 City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved



 Mayor of the City of Torrance