

Torrance, California  
October 24, 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 24, 1939 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilman: Hitchcock.

Councilman Murray moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held October 10, 1939 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from J. E. Hitchcock requesting leave of absence from Council attendance for a period of thirty days, beginning October 24, 1939.

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

A communication was read from Councilman J. E. Hitchcock written from Massachusetts.

A communication was read from the Walteria Civic Association regarding installation of four way stop signs at the corner of Highway 101 and Hawthorne Blvd. and asking what procedure should be taken to obtain same. Referred to the Engineering Department for report at the next meeting.

A communication was read from J. H. Stroh, Chief of Police, recommending that applications for cafe and billiard parlor at 1515 Cabrillo Avenue and cigar store and pastime games at 1222 El Prado be denied.

Councilman Murray moved that the recommendation of Chief Stroh be sustained. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Engineer Young reported on the drainage problem on Hawthorne Avenue and recommended that two concrete culverts be constructed, one to replace the present pipe culvert at 236th Street, and a new culvert to be installed immediately south of Lomita Boulevard.

Councilman McGuire moved that the City Engineer be authorized to obtain figures on cost of these culverts and present them at the next meeting. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Engineer Young reported regarding the proposal of Torrance Investment Company to extend Date Street through Block 9, Tract 4070. Since one of the requirements in accepting the street for dedication was that the low portion of the street and adjoining property be filled, and also in view of the fact that the owner of part of the land had expressed disapproval of the action. Engineer Young recommended that the street not be accepted by the City of Torrance for dedication. He recommended further that no unimproved streets be accepted for dedication.

Councilman McGuire moved that the City Engineer's recommendation be accepted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell made a statement at this time regarding the recent acquirement by the City of a Mack fire truck. He said that, although he feels the investigating committee had been honest in their efforts, he, personally, is willing to admit an error if it is discovered that one has been made.

Councilman Murray moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$200.00 be made for oil and road material to repair Greenwood Avenue from Carson Street to Eldorado Street. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Hitchcock.

Councilman McGuire moved that the City Engineer be authorized to notify the Pacific Electric Railway Company that their proposal in letter dated October 9, 1939 concerning acquisition of right of way on Cabrillo Avenue is agreeable to the City of Torrance and requesting them to prepare necessary agreement providing for the purchase of property and reimbursement for the cost of the structural

changes to be done by Pacific Electric Railway Company forces. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Hitchcock.

Regarding the request for installation of a fire plug at 4010 West Sepulveda Boulevard, Clark Bartlett said the report from Mr. Quant had not been received as yet.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A discussion which began at the last meeting relative to the recent acquirement by the City of Torrance of a Mack fire truck was resumed at this time.

Mr. Isen, Mr. Klusman, Mr. Pruitt, Mr. Ed Thompson, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Raymond and Mr. Beach participated in the discussion, together with members of the Council and Chief Stroh.

The attitudes and thoughts expressed were the same as at the first discussion on the matter.

After lengthy and detailed discussion, Mayor Tolson agreed, if satisfactory to the other members of the Council, to instigate another investigation upon the return of Councilman Hitchcock.

Mrs. F. L. Parks expressed her confidence in the City Council at this time.

Mr. Klusman inquired why a special audit was being made of the City books at this time, to which Clerk Bartlett replied he had called for the audit, it being the custom to do so upon the death of any official who has handled funds.

Mr. Klusman wanted to know how the purchase of the Pacific Electric Railway Company rights of way of Cabrillo Avenue would be transacted - whether an assessment district would be formed or whether City funds would be used. Mayor Tolson advised gasoline tax funds would be used.

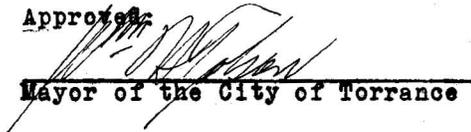
Mr. and Mrs. Hudson and Mr. Keith from North Torrance asked that proper drainage facilities be provided their district. Mr. Hudson presented a bill in the amount of \$325.00 for damages to his property allegedly caused by improper drainage facilities. Referred to the Engineering Department and City Attorney for investigation and report.

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

At 9:30 P.M., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Murray, the meeting adjourned.

  
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

  
 Mayor of the City of Torrance