

Torrance, California.
May 17th., 1932.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, May 17th., 1932, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Klusman.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman.

Councilman Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 4th., 1932, and the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of May 11th., 1932, be adopted. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Board of Education, Los Angeles, addressed to Mayor Klusman, expressing thanks for the information that the proposition concerning the charter is a closed issue as far as the Council is concerned. It is thought contracts for the erection of the Fern Avenue School will soon be awarded unless some unexpected matter shall interfere. Councilman Steiner moved the letter be filed. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the County of Los Angeles, Office of County Surveyor under date of April 18th., 1932, was read, requesting jurisdiction over the opening, widening and extending of State Street in the City of Torrance, under the proceeding of County Street Opening District No. 137. Engineer Leonard stated the city originally granted jurisdiction to the County to carry out the improvement of this highway under the Mattoon Act. Jurisdiction is now asked by the County to carry out acquisition for the necessary opening and widening of this highway under the Act of 1923. The Clerk read Resolution No. 533 granting jurisdiction. Councilman Steiner moved Resolution No. 533 be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett read a letter from the Automobile Club of Southern California seeking support in its opposition to proposals which have been made for an increase in the Gasoline Tax, also against the diversion of Gasoline Tax revenues to purposes other than the construction, maintenance and repairs of roads, streets and highways. A Resolution enclosed was read in support of the Club's position. Councilman Steiner moved adoption of the Resolution to be numbered 534. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Oral communications:

Clerk Bartlett stated we have a communication from the University of Southern California, in which is stated that a Mr. A. B. Gidley, City Manager of Compton, will attend this Council meeting and present the plan of and program of the Annual Institute of Government before this Council. Clerk Bartlett inquired if Mr. Gidley was in the audience and received no response.

Councilman Steiner brought up the matter of delinquent licenses and after considerable discussion in which some of the audience took part, moved that the City Clerk collect the plastering license from Mr. Kruger or from Mr. Wine or start suit. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, and Wright. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Klusman informed the Council that the Torrance Brick Company was bankrupt and owed the City \$2300.00. Also, that there appeared to be \$650.00 back taxes due on the Clinic site. The Mayor further stated that he had attended a meeting of Sewer District No. 5. He also said that Supervisor Quinn had assured him the County was ready to go ahead with the Clinic building.

Councilman Steiner stated that if the \$2300.00 could not be collected from the Brick Company the property could be used as a dump ground which is worth \$50,000.00 to the city. He also said he believed the back taxes on the Clinic site could be relinquished by the County.

Councilman Steiner moved the City Clerk and City Treasurer be authorized to draw a warrant in full payment of balance due on Clinic site contract and deposit same with the Title Insurance Company. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Klusman stated he had attended the League of Mayors at Inglewood and the unemployment situation had been discussed and he requested a meeting of the Council to further consider the situation.

Councilman Ludlow stated he had received several estimates for auditing the City Books and after due consideration, recommended that C. J. Rambo & Company be employed. Councilman Ludlow then moved that C. J. Rambo & Company be employed to audit the books up to and including April 19th., 1932, then terminate and finish their audit at the end of the fiscal year. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES:

COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES:
COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow enquired with reference to the North Lomita Lighting District and was informed by Attorney Jensen that the matter was in the hands of the County Board of Supervisors. Councilman Ludlow also brought up the subject of metering the present lighting system and after some discussion this matter was referred to the Police Fire & Lights Committee on motion by Councilman Ludlow and seconded by Councilman Steiner and carried unanimously.

As there was no report from the Citizens' Water Committee, Councilman Steiner moved that the City Attorney ascertain cost in applying to the Railroad Commission for reduced rates and report to Council. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow inquired of the Mayor if he had appointed that committee to work with the American Legion Committee, and stated inasmuch as Councilman Conner was active with the American Legion appointed him as a committee of one. Councilman Conner accepted with thanks and stated he believed there should be more than one on the committee so appointed Councilman Ludlow and Klusman to serve with him.

Clerk Bartlett stated he had received two estimates for chairs, one \$16.25 per dozen and the other \$16.85 per dozen in 100 lots. Councilman Ludlow moved that the City Clerk purchase 100 chairs. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Jensen reported we are working on new ordinances and revisions of old ordinances and we will submit these to you so they will become effective July 1st.

Councilman Steiner moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Ludlow, Conner, Steiner and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Conner moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

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

Approved:

J. H. Klusman
Mayor of the City of Torrance.