

Torrance, California.
September 27th., 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 Chamber at Torrance, California, September 27th., 1932, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Klusman.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 13th., 1932, be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, addressed to the Honorable City Council, with reference to funds for the purpose of operating the organization of the Boy Scouts. Councilman Ludlow stated he had consulted the auditor with regard to appropriating money needed from the 10¢ tax fund and was told that this could not be done, that the City Council could appropriate the money

from the General Fund if they see fit to do so. Councilman Ludlow moved we take care of the Boy Scouts for this year, that this is a special appropriation and that we are not establishing a precedent for future years. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Wright ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was read, with reference to a letter concerning the convention of International Association of Fire Chiefs, to be held in San Diego, during week of October 17, 1932, and urging representation from Torrance. Clerk Bartlett also read a letter addressed to Mr. Conner on this same subject. Councilman Ludlow moved we refer this to the proper committee and report at next meeting. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Home Defender's Association of California, addressed to Wm. T. Klusman, Mayor, with reference to their plans of alleviating the home owners of the difficulties arising out of foreclosure proceedings, and requesting permission to use his name as one of the sponsors. Councilman Ludlow moved the City Council approve of any efforts they may make to protect the home owners and the City Clerk to write them to the effect as indorsing their action. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Nellie C. Bain, 1728 Artisanos, with reference to the Ball Park enclosure affecting her business and also as being a disgrace to the city. Councilman Ludlow moved we refer this to the proper committee for action and report at next meeting. Also that the City Clerk write to her stating the City Council will take some action. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from A.W. Langley, City Clerk of the City of Monterey Park, concerning a resolution passed by the City Council of the City of Monterey Park in regard to the allocation of the Gasoline Tax by the Boards of Supervisors of Counties. Engineer Leonard called attention to Monterey Park having Improvement Districts bonded under the Acquisition and Improvement Act of 1925 (Mattoon Act) and stated there have been no improvements started in the City of Torrance under the Mattoon Act. Councilman Ludlow moved it be laid before the proper committee before we adopt this and report at next regular meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication addressed to the Honorable City Council dated September 27th., 1932, signed by Chas. T. Rippy, President of the City Employees Association, stating that all city employees held a meeting September 19th., 1932, and organized the City Employees Association. The object of the organization is to contribute to unemployment relief and it was unanimously voted that all city employees contribute 3½% of their salaries and wages to an unemployment fund for a period of six months beginning October 1st., 1932. Councilman Ludlow moved we draft a letter back to the city employees commending them for their action in this matter when funds are needed for unemployment relief. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from A. Barisano, 1218 El Prado, with reference to placing names of streets either on the curbs or posts, together with list of streets which have no names on posts. Engineer Leonard stated it will be necessary to change several street names in the Lomita and McDonald Tract Districts and a resolution to this effect would be read later in the evening and recommended this matter be taken up at the next meeting. Councilman Ludlow moved the communication be referred to the next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Engineer Leonard stated we have two estimates for drilling a dry well on Narbonne Avenue and Palm Street. Councilman Hitchcock moved we accept the estimate of \$1.00 per foot for the drilling of the well, the city to furnish the drainage pipe and do the rest of the work. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the

following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett read

RESOLUTION NO. 543

A RESOLUTION CHANGING NAMES OF STREETS
WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Engineer Leonard stated these changes now conform to County and city plan and are recognized on the Regional Planning Maps of the County and should conform to other streets of which they are a part. Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 543 be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett read a copy of an Agreement to be entered into by and between the City of Torrance and P.G. Bennett, who is to act as Pound Master. Mayor Klusman stated that as Mr. Bennett was deputized as policeman he could not lawfully enter into contract with the City of Torrance. After some discussion Councilman Conner moved that P.G. Bennett be appointed Pound Master in the City of Torrance under the term of the contract, appointment to become effective September 28th., 1932. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow and Wright. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Klusman stated he had been studying the Auditor's Report which had been filed by the Finance Committee and found some irregularities pertaining to payments made by the Chamber of Commerce which should be brought to the attention of the Council. Councilman Ludlow stated that this Council go on record that these irregularities shall not occur again.

Councilman Ludlow stated we have received several estimates for quarterly audit report, that one had been mislaid and moved we lay this over to the next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Oral communications:

A property owner from McDonald Tract spoke with reference to placing a culvert under 182nd. Street near her property so the water could be drained Northerly in a ditch, that there would be no objection on the part of the owners of other property. Engineer Leonard stated the city would place a pipe under the pavement provided permission was given to cross the land with a ditch. Mayor Klusman stated he believed the work could be done with the unemployed. Councilman Hitchcock moved the work be done using unemployed labor provided permission is secured from the property owners to build the ditch. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Leonard stated it would be necessary for the Council to appropriate sufficient funds to purchase 50 ft. of 8" pipe and to pay for boring under the street at a total expense of \$75.00 or \$80.00. Councilman Hitchcock moved the Council grant the expenditure for this work. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Wright suggested "U" turns be prohibited at Marcelina and Sartori Avenues. Councilman Ludlow moved the Police Department be instructed to place "No 'U' Turns" sign at this intersection. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Leonard called attention to the necessity for placing a "Keep to the Right" sign at Border Avenue and 213th. Street so that travel going South would keep to the west driveway, that there had been several accidents at this corner and that by making this provision liability for accidents at this corner would be lessened. Councilman Conner moved the Police Department be instructed to place a sign reading "One Way Street" south of 213th. on Border Avenue. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow said he would like to hear from Mr. Rippy, Chairman of the Water Committee. Mr. Rippy stated he had written a letter to the Railroad Commission, as a member of the Water Committee, with reference to water rates, and had received a reply from the Railroad Commission which he read. Councilman Ludlow requested Mayor Klusman to allow this committee he has appointed on the water rates to stand. Judge Rippy filed the letter with the City Clerk.

Councilman Conner stated that a matter was brought up at last meeting which should not have been discussed, however, he would like permission of the Council to investigate the feasibility of exchanging fire apparatus we now have.

Councilman Conner read a report of the activities of the Police Department. He further reported the health of our community is very favorable.

Councilman Ludlow asked the City Clerk if he had received a reply to his letter to the Board of Education regarding school busses and it was reported no reply had as yet been received.

Councilman Ludlow moved we instruct the Clerk to make a personal investigation as to how the bus lines are run and on what basis. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow informed the Council that Engineer Leonard reported he has information ready on the water problem and suggested Mayor Klusman set a date for a meeting with Mr. Leonard. Mayor Klusman stated he would call the meeting later.

Councilman Ludlow brought up the matter of a large grocery and market which is going to open and of the possibility of it staying open on Sundays, and suggested an ordinance might be drawn prohibiting Sunday opening. This matter was referred to the City Attorney for investigation.

Clerk Bartlett stated he had a request from King's Nursery to erect a lath enclosure in front of his Nursery as a temporary proposition. Engineer Leonard suggested Mr. King get the written consent of the people within 300 ft. of proposed structure and present same to the Council. Councilman Ludlow moved this idea be laid before Mr. King and brought up at the next meeting for approval. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

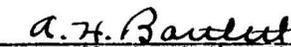
Councilman Ludlow moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Mayor Klusman stated the Council had agreed to pay bills in the amount of \$10.00 and less for the local ball park, but that a bill had been presented in the amount of \$163.17 and stated he would refuse to sign the check for this amount. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

Approved:


Mayor of the City of Torrance.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance.