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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, December 13th., 1932, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Klusman.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 22nd., 1932, be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Klusman reported that he attended a meeting of the League of California Municipalities at Montebello, and that the question of distribution of gasoline funds to various incorporated cities was under discussion as well as the form of a resolution to be adopted. It was decided to make a further study of the question before any final resolution presented to the various communities be adopted.

Councilman Conner arrived at 7:55 P.M.

A communication was read from the Santa Fe Railway Company, addressed to the City Engineer, stating that the matter of improving the crossing of their track at Cabrillo Avenue was under consideration and undoubtedly could be taken care of.

A communication was read from the Pacific Electric Railway Company, addressed to the City Engineer, stating that the culvert to be placed under the tracks at 220th. and Cabrillo Avenue had been authorized and would be installed in the very near future.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce with reference to appropriation of \$100.00 for the purpose of defraying cost of appropriate programs and invitations, and other incidental expense for the opening of the Health Center, desiring to know who should be credited as sponsor. It was the sense of the Board that the Chamber of Commerce should act as sponsor.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce under date of December 6th., 1932, with reference to an appropriation of \$200.00 to defray expense of a Municipal Xmas tree this year. No action was taken.

A petition was read from A. F. Mallo, WALTERIA, California, to smoke fish in WALTERIA. After some discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved we grant Mr. Mallo permission to smoke fish. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from C. H. Pierce, Torrance, California, with reference to a damaged tire caused by a portion of a broken curb, and desiring the City of Torrance to purchase a new tire to repair the mentioned damaged one. After some discussion, Councilman Wright moved this be referred to the Attorney for an opinion and report to the Council at its next meeting. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Associated Oil Company dated December 2, 1932, stating that their pipe lines within the City of Torrance had earned no remuneration in the last year. In discussion of the matter of royalties to the city, attention was called to the fact that the telephone company and the Southern California Gas Company are not turning any revenues into the city. It was also stated that these utilities have no franchise and are operating under original easements granted by the Dominguez Land Corporation insofar as the original City of Torrance was concerned. Councilman Ludlow moved our City Attorney look into this matter with the Telephone and Gas Companies and make his recommendations at the next meeting. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Men's Bible Class, mentioning the Friday evening entertainment to be given at the Torrance High School Auditorium proceeds to go to the Torrance Veterans Relief Association.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from The Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York advising that property owned by the city was not insured against damage by city cars, and regretting their inability to take care of the matter of the light standard.

A communication was read from Herman Steffen making application for a license to conduct a restaurant and serve beer and wine with meals at 1650 Cabrillo Avenue to become effective if and when the sale of beer and wine becomes legalized by the U.S. Government and the State of California. Councilman Ludlow moved this be filed until the appropriate time. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication addressed to Mr. J.C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company with reference to description of proposed park site in Tract No. 3758. Councilman Ludlow moved this be referred to the Park Committee. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read signed by property owners on El Prado Avenue, Torrance, California, protesting against the removal of the eucalyptus trees bordering said avenue on City property. Councilman Hitchcock stated this matter had been given consideration and it was found not advisable to remove these trees.

A communication and resolution was read from the Los Angeles Division California Taxpayers' Association requesting postponement for a reasonable time of the Colorado River Aqueduct project the grounds for opposition on the part of this organization being disbelief in the economic soundness of the project as proposed by the Metropolitan Water District. Councilman Ludlow moved we turn this questionnaire over to the City Engineer for reply. After some discussion, Councilman Ludlow withdrew his motion, and the matter laid on the table.

Mayor Klusman reported he had attended a meeting of Metropolitan Sewer District No. 5 today and that a damage suit had been filed against the District by property owners near the outfall.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that one row of eucalyptus trees on Plaza Del Amo from Carson Street to Arlington Avenue be cut down. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock requested permission to purchase 12 tons of hay. Councilman Ludlow moved request to purchase hay be granted. 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 Hitchcock reported that 60 yards of fertilizer is needed for the parks. Councilman Conner moved the required amount of fertilizer be purchased. Councilman Ludlow 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 Conner reported that the Committee had investigated different Police and Fire Departments with reference to sick leave and that the Committee recommends the Police and Fire Department employees be allowed 15 days full time and 15 days half time for sick leave and any longer period to be taken up with the Police and Fire Committee for consideration. Councilman Conner then moved that this recommendation be accepted and filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Conner read a communication from the Columbia Steel Company with reference to traffic hazard at Western Avenue and 190th. Street. He also read reply to this letter written by the City Clerk, which stated that an illuminated sign will be installed by the Automobile Club of Southern California to replace the one now in use, also officers are being sent as often as possible out to watch the intersection.

Councilman Ludlow reported that the budget was running 1.4% below normal. Also that \$13,000.00 had been received from County Tax Collections. This amount is practically \$6,000.00 below collections at this time last year.

Councilman Wright called attention to traffic on Cravens Avenue into Torrance Boulevard stating that a "One Way Traffic" sign with light should be placed at this intersection. After some discussion, Councilman Ludlow moved this be referred to the committee for proper action. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow stated he understood that there would be a letter from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce regarding Comfort Station and drinking fountains, and recommended a committee be appointed to investigate where they could be located and what the cost would be. Mayor Klusman appointed Councilman Ludlow and the City Clerk to investigate these matters.

Attorney Jensen read

RESOLUTION NO. 550

REGARDING CONSTRUCTION WORK BY THE
METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT.

Councilman Ludlow moved that Resolution No. 550 be adopted, and that a copy be sent to the Metropolitan Water District Board. 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.

Attorney Jensen called attention to the damage suit of Venema vs. City of Torrance stating he would like authorization from the Council if they so desire to settle the case for \$200.00 or \$250.00. Councilman Hitchcock moved Attorney Jensen to effect settlement of the Venema case in the amount not to exceed \$200.00. Councilman Ludlow 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.

Attorney Jensen reported he had prepared an option agreement and lease contract to purchase the park site. He then read

RESOLUTION NO. 551

LEASE FOR ONE YEAR AND OPTION TO BUY

Councilman Ludlow moved that Resolution No. 551 be adopted. 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.

At this time Mayor Klusman appointed W. T. Klusman, chairman, Councilmen Conner and Hitchcock as a committee to investigate the proposed water system.

Mayor Klusman stated he had communicated with the Santa Fe Railway Company to see if they will donate their property on Lincoln Street, adjoining the park site, to the city.

Mayor Klusman called attention to the matter of discourteous policemen, and reported an instance which happened during election campaign, of an officer talking to a motorist who had parked across a parking line in the street. This officer also made disrespectful remarks about the Mayor at the time. The Mayor thought the Chief of Police should instruct his officers to be courteous and respectful at all times. Councilman Conner stated the matter would be investigated.

Mr. Kelsey, in the audience, questioned the advisability of placing stop signs at various intersections, stating that in his opinion some of the signs now in use should be removed. After some discussion, Councilman Ludlow moved the matter be referred to the Police and Fire Committee for recommendation and report back at next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

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

Approved:

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