

Torrance, California.  
March 28th., 1933.

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, March 28th., 1933, 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 Conner came in immediately after the roll call.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the minutes of a Special Emergency Meeting of March 11th., 1933, minutes of a Special Emergency Meeting of March 13th., 1933, and the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14th., 1933, be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a motion by R.W. Fulton of Pasadena therein expressing extreme sorrow for recent earthquake disaster and expressing undaunted faith in the determination of the inhabitants of the stricken sections to arise with greater and better-built cities from the seemingly unsurmountable adversities. Councilman Ludlow moved the communication be filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

An application as caretaker of the new park on Arlington Avenue from C.A. Benzell, 2815 Andreo Avenue, Torrance, California, was read. Councilman Ludlow moved this be referred to the proper committee. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The following applications for licenses to sell beer were received. George Rowberry, 1601 Cabrillo Avenue, Wm. T. Martin, 4300 Riverside-Redondo Boulevard, Mrs. M.E. Attebery, 4000 Sepulveda Boulevard, Mrs. Angeline Dinsmore, 1927 Carson Street, and Jacob Chickerna, 813 Border Avenue. Councilman Conner moved these applications be filed. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the Board of Education was read referring to the Emergency Order issued by Mayor Klusman. The School Board advised that in harmony with his order the Torrance Elementary School would be closed. The Mayor reported that he and Mr. Leonard and members of the School Board had inspected the High School and found it was safe for use. Engineer Leonard stated that in justice to the committee appointed by this Council to investigate and pass upon the condition of buildings affected by the quake, that he wished to file a report from the committee in regard to the school buildings. Clerk Bartlett read a letter addressed to the Council together with a copy of a recommendation furnished the Board of Education relative to the safety of the various school buildings. Councilman Ludlow moved this letter together with report be placed on file. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The drawing of a new Building Ordinance was postponed until ideas of what other communities were going to do could be analyzed.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and a resolution passed at a meeting of leaders in the construction industry. Councilman Ludlow moved this be filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Automobile Club of Southern California acknowledging receipt of a copy of Resolution No. 563 adopted by this City Council.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Union Oil Company of California regarding an easement held by the Union Oil Company over the southerly 10 ft. of the municipal park property. Engineer Leonard stated that the pipe line interfered with the grading and that he had taken the matter up with the Union Oil Company relative to lowering or removing the line temporarily. Councilman Ludlow moved letter be filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Clifford F. Reid, Inc., regarding right-of-way through their tract at Hollywood Riviera, originally known as the Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway. Engineer Leonard stated this matter would be covered by a resolution which would be introduced later in the evening.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors, enclosing copy of resolution declaring certain streets no longer to be part of the County System of Highways. Councilman Ludlow moved it be filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

An application from the Torrance Electric Shop was read requesting that their contract for street lighting service be increased from \$40.00 to \$46.00 per month due to the fact that 50 lighting standards have been added to the service since December 1st. Councilman Hitchcock moved we grant this request. 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 an estimate from Edward Killam, 905 South Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne, California, to put down a cesspool in the new park. Councilman Ludlow moved Mr. Killam be given the contract in accordance with the proposal made in his letter. 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 Hitchcock reported the sidewalk proposition in front of the American Legion Building had been referred to committee and they were still waiting to hear from the County Board.

Councilman Ludlow reported in regard to the City Park that surfacing of the ballground had been started, that a League wants to play Sunday afternoons and they would like to have it ready as soon as possible. Engineer Leonard stated that before next meeting it would be necessary to decide on fence along both sides of railroad track before park is opened to the public and also fence around the ball park. Councilman Conner moved the park committee and Engineer be given power to act. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Councilman Wright voted present.

Councilman Ludlow inquired about the Pacific Electric parkway on Torrance Boulevard. Engineer Leonard reported that the proposed Lease had not been forwarded to the city by the railway company as yet.

Councilman Ludlow inquired about a Lease and resolution to be presented tonight. Attorney Jensen reported the secretary of the seller is out of the city, and lease is not completed. Engineer Leonard said the city could feel at liberty to go ahead, as it was understood that a lease would be granted for park purpose.

Councilman Conner read a report from committee of Fire Department in regard to residence inspections. Councilman Ludlow moved report be accepted and filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Conner inquired if the unemployed of Torrance are getting any work on the San Gabriel Dam. Engineer Leonard said that about 200 men are doing the work with steam shovels and dredges. He suggested that if any of the unemployed were experienced in this kind of work they make application as he was sure that Torrance would get its quota of work.

Councilman Conner moved that the city buy a used air compressor for use in the Police and Fire Departments. 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.

At this time Councilman Conner presented the Mayor with a Mayor's Police badge in behalf of the Council. Mayor Klusman expressed his appreciation.

Attorney Jensen read

RESOLUTION NO. 566.

REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
OUT OF ANY FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURPOSE,  
ALLOCATE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE THE SUM OF  
\$29,120.00.

Councilman Wright moved that Resolution No. 566 be adopted. 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: COUNCILMAN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 567.

REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
OUT OF ANY FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURPOSE,  
ALLOCATE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE THE SUM OF  
\$4800.00.

Councilman Wright moved that Resolution No. 567 be adopted. 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: COUNCILMAN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 568.

ACCEPTING QUITCLAIM DEED OF ALL OF THAT  
PORTION OF LOT "S", TRACT NO. 2675.

Engineer Leonard stated that this portion of Lot "S" is the extension of Eldorado Avenue in this city, a street which we are now improving by our unemployment work.

Councilman Wright moved that Resolution No. 568 be adopted. 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 heard from the water suit and read the Decision of the Supreme Court. Attorney Jensen also stated he had filed application with the Railroad Commission to grant the city two more years' time to improve certain grade crossings.

Mayor Klusman stated that since the water decision is on file and both parties are out of court, might inform the Council that the committee appointed in regard to water system has instructed the Water Company to present physical value of its properties that it has to dispose of to the committee. The committee has held three meetings the last meeting having been held since the suit was out of the court. Councilman Ludlow inquired as to whether the R.F.C. would or could loan us money on the bonds, while we don't seek to commit ourselves we should find out if they will loan us the money. Mayor stated the committee will consider the suggestion.

Mayor Klusman reported that he had attended an informal Sanitary Sewer District meeting, that 18 members were present. However, no business had been transacted.

The Mayor also mentioned the recall proceedings which are now under way and stated he did not think the proceedings were legal as they were started on a legal holiday.

Under Oral communications:

Mr. Beverly Smith stated he agreed with Councilman Ludlow with reference to the water bonds.

Mr. Roy C. Stewart of Hollywood Riviera addressed the Council and requested them to repeal the ordinance regulating certain beverages. Councilman Ludlow requested the City Attorney to express some opinion in regard to the matter and Attorney Jensen said that Ordinance No. 18 passed in 1922 was similar to the California Wright Act, but in his opinion the Ordinance was still effective within the city. Councilman Conner moved that Ordinance No. 18 be repealed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion. There was some discussion by the Council and audience, and Guy Mowry said that any Councilman voting for repeal would be recalled. The motion was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Ludlow and Wright. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At this time the Mayor declared a recess in order to give the City Attorney time to draft an Ordinance after which Attorney Jensen read

ORDINANCE NO. 240.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 18.

Councilman Conner moved Ordinance No. 240 be approved for its first reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried.

Councilman Conner suggested a committee be appointed to act as a regulation and control committee, the committee to be composed of the Council as a whole and the following business men invited to act in an advisory capacity with this committee:

- E.C. Morford
- W.K. Adolph
- Wm. T. Martin
- Roy C. Stewart
- Otto Mikelson
- George Probert
- Herman W. Steffen
- Al Harder
- Beverly Smith
- Scott Ludlow
- Harry L. Alcorn
- J.R. Jensen

An informal meeting was called for Monday evening, April 3rd., at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the situation and making report at an adjourned regular Council meeting to be held Tuesday, April 4th., at 7:45 P.M.

Councilman Wright moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. 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 Wright moved that the meeting be adjourned to Tuesday evening, April 4th., at 7:45 P.M. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

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

Approved:

[Signature]  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.