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Torrance, California.
February 13th., 1934.

MINUTES OF THE 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 City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, February 13th., 1934.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ludlow at 7:45 P.M.

City Clerk Bartlett called the roll. Those answering present were Councilmen: Hitchcock, Klusman, Wright and Ludlow. Absent: Councilmen: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read the minutes of the regular meeting of January 23rd., 1934, and the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of February 6th., 1934. Councilman Hitchcock moved the minutes as read be approved. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Ludlow stated that Mr. Smith, Chairman of the Recreational Program Committee was in the audience and would like to make a report at this time. Mr. Smith reported that there were now seven playgrounds counting in the two schools, that there were at present six workers. The grounds are open each day from 2 P.M. till 5 P.M. week days and from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Saturdays. Mr. Smith stated he hoped to be able to make weekly reports from now on.

Councilman Klusman called attention to boys climbing on the buildings down at the park to watch for stray baseballs, stating in his opinion the boys should not be allowed on the buildings. Councilman Hitchcock and Engineer Leonard will investigate and report at next meeting.

Mayor Ludlow stated he was awaiting the decision of the Council in regard to the vacancy on the Council. Councilman Klusman nominated B.O. McDowell to fill Mr. Conner's place. No action was taken. Councilman Hitchcock stated he wished to nominate a man who in his opinion would make a fine Councilman and moved that William Stanger be appointed. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, the record of the vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Wright and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The Clerk administered the oath of office to Mr. Stanger who then took his chair at the Council table and stated he accepts this office with the hope that he can be of some service to the City of Torrance.

A communication was read from A.J. Marsden submitting to the city Lots 20 and 21 of Tract No. 5944 at a price of \$2500.00. Councilman Klusman moved this offer be placed on file. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Associated Oil Company dated February 1, 1934, advising that under the provisions of a franchise to lay, construct, operate and maintain an oil pipe line in and along certain public highways in the City of Torrance, no receipts or earnings were derived by said Company.

A communication was read from the Veterans Relief Association dated February 13, 1934, cordially inviting all the city officials to attend a social meeting at the Military Academy on the evening of February 16th. at 8 P.M. Mayor Ludlow stated all who could attend should do so.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Pacific Electric Railway Company regarding lease on the parks in Torrance Boulevard. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Mayor sign this lease with the Pacific Electric Railway Company for the coming year. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock reported with reference to the request from the Coast Insulating Company to clean up the rubbish adjacent to their plant, that this had been taken care of.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that the stripe on Torrance Boulevard had been painted orange instead of white.

Councilman Hitchcock stated he also has had several requests for the same type of line along Carson Street to Madrona Avenue and on Hawthorne from WALTERIA this way to Torrance Boulevard. Councilman Hitchcock moved we instruct the Engineer to get in touch with the City of Redondo relative to their bearing half of expense north of 182nd. Street and proceed at once with the painting of the street. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, the record of the vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Wright and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock stated regarding petition with reference to heavy trucks passing over Gramercy Avenue that he and the Engineer had investigated and recommended that the Police Department post that street together with Andreo Avenue. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Police Department be instructed to post notices on Gramercy and Andreo Avenues prohibiting heavy trucking except when making deliveries. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved we appropriate \$1800.00 for the park project. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, the record of the vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Wright. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Klusman asked if Mayor Ludlow had attended the sewer meeting. Mayor Ludlow reported that he attended two meetings one of the South Bay District and the other No. 5 District. Supervisor Quinn presided at both meetings. C.W.A. projects had been approved but there were no funds available at present for purchase of material. Mayor Ludlow stated that the largest bills acted on were for salaries and premium on public liability insurance.

Mayor Ludlow reported that he had received a letter from the Fire Underwriters with reference to their recommendations in connection with reduction in fire rates for the City of Torrance and at this time we could not possibly put into effect all they asked us to do, and asked that the Committee be given more time to consider this matter.

Mayor Ludlow stated he had talked to Mr. Lawrence relative to the improvement of Torrance Boulevard asking the Engineer to report as to progress. Engineer Leonard stated that Torrance Boulevard improvement is to be carried on as a part of the P.W.A. program and that he had been informed by County officials that they hoped the matter would be straightened out in a couple of weeks.

Mayor Ludlow asked Engineer Leonard concerning the flood control condition at the Doheny Stone Drill Company. The Engineer reported that the County Flood Control Department had applied to the C.W.A. for funds with which to carry on this work and that he had been informed by the County that projects of this nature had in nearly every case been approved and that they were awaiting approval before starting the storm drain construction. The Engineer reported also that he had been informed by the Engineering Department of the C.W.A. that funds for the purchase of material would be available within a few days.

City Clerk Bartlett stated that he had received petitions requesting the Council to pass or submit to electors of the City of Torrance an Ordinance creating a Civil Service Board. Councilman Hitchcock moved we authorize the City Clerk to make the necessary legal check of names on these petitions. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Rippy stated the County Health Department had written a letter with reference to rabies requesting that an Ordinance be adopted. Also that he had been requested by the Fire Department to draw up an Ordinance to control oil well cleanups and fire hazards in connection with oil wells and that he had prepared an Ordinance which had been referred to Engineer Leonard for checking, after which it will be referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Attorney Rippy reported he had attended four meetings of the Metropolitan Water District and that he expected to take a trip through the District with them, that a contract had been let to construct a tunnel and drill another tunnel with force account.

Councilman Hitchcock inquired regarding an option on six acres from the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company. Mayor Ludlow stated a letter had been written to Attorney Jensen that they would be willing to enter into an option with us for the purchase of the six acres. Engineer Leonard was requested to write them and ask for a copy of this letter and report on this at next meeting.

Mayor Ludlow stated our gasoline contract had expired and called for a resolution authorizing new contract. City Clerk Bartlett introduced and read,

RESOLUTION NO. 608

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF GASOLINE

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 608 be adopted. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Wright and Ludlow.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett introduced and read

RESOLUTION NO. 609

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF OIL

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 609 be adopted. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Wright and Ludlow.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett introduced and read

RESOLUTION NO. 610

FIXING PRECINCTS, POLLING PLACES, AND HOURS
POLLS WILL BE OPEN FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION, APRIL 9, 1934.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 610 be adopted. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Wright and Ludlow.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Ludlow called attention to the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities meeting Thursday, February 15th., 1934, dinner at 6:30 o'clock at Lynwood.

Mayor Ludlow stated he had been requested to bring up an item of a base ball appropriation of \$20.00 a month to maintain the ball games. It was stated that this should be referred to the Chamber of Commerce for recommendation to the City Council.

Oral Communications:

Mr. Brock asked for a report on the amount of taxes being paid in by Walteria section and how distributed. Mayor Ludlow assured Mr. Brock a report would be drawn up.

Councilman Klusman called attention to the fact that Mayor Ludlow was handling too many committees. Mayor Ludlow stated he did not desire to make changes until after April 9th. election, and until that time the Police and Fire Department will be considered as one Department. Mayor Ludlow appointed Councilman Stanger as another member of this committee which will make three. Councilman Klusman moved Councilman Wright be appointed Police Commissioner. Councilman Wright seconded the motion. The question arose whether Councilman Wright had a right to second the motion. Councilman Hitchcock moved as a substitute motion that we back the Mayor's appointment. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Stanger, Wright and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Wright and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Ludlow declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

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

Approved:

L. R. Ludlow
Mayor of the City of Torrance.