

Torrance, California.  
October 9th., 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, October 9th., 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, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved the minutes of the regular meeting of September 25th., 1934, be approved as written. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Nelson of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company presented an agreement for an extension of time on the water contract which had been requested by the Council, this was referred to the City Attorney.

City Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Chas. T. Rippy, tendering his resignation as City Judge of the City Court of the

City of Torrance, to be effective immediately upon acceptance. Councilman Stanger moved Judge Rippy's resignation be accepted as of October 15th., 1934. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Klusman nominated Mr. Hammack for the position of City Judge. Councilman Stanger nominated Robert Lessing for the position of City Judge. Councilman Hitchcock moved nominations for the position of City Judge be closed. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Councilman Klusman moved the selection be made by open ballot. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried, Councilman Klusman voting no. Councilman Klusman then changed his vote. The record of the ballot is as follows:

For Robert Lessing - AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Klusman.  
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

For Mr. Hammack - AYES: COUNCILMEN: Klusman.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow.  
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Stanger moved Robert Lessing be appointed City Judge of the City Court of the City of Torrance at \$75.00 a month commencing October 16th., 1934. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read an invitation to the Mayor, City Council and City Officials to attend the 1934 Convention of the California Section American Water Works Association, Long Beach, California, October 24-25-26-27, 1934. This invitation was ordered placed on file.

An invitation from the Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce to attend its Annual Banquet was read.

A communication was read from the Division of Highways together with Warrant No. A-21210 in the amount of \$110.00, to cover invoice of the City of Torrance for the moving of two lights at Walteria, State Highway VII-L.A.-60-D, Tor., Contract No. 47CS16.

City Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, Washington, D.C. regarding the application of the City of Torrance in behalf of Municipal Improvement District Number 1, and requesting further information. Councilman Stanger moved the information requested be secured from the proper parties and be sent in. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A report from C.J. Rambo & Company, Auditors, on collections and delinquency in taxes for the year 1933-1934 covering Municipal Improvement District No. 1 of the City of Torrance was read.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that the new shop was now ready for use. He also reported that plans for a barbecue were delayed, as they could not agree on a date. He recommended planting a few trees on the streets around the park. The matter of a sidewalk on Arlington Avenue from Plaza del Amo to the park was discussed. City Clerk Bartlett called attention to the fact that we were over-running the budget and advised against an appropriation for sidewalks at this time. Councilman Klusman moved sidewalk of decomposed granite be put in. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy stated he had written to the Railroad Commission in regard to the telephone rates and had not heard from them. He further stated he had drawn up a contract in connection with the hospital agreement for \$35.00 a month. He then read

RESOLUTION NO. 648

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH TORRANCE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION FOR EMERGENCY AID TO INDIGENT PERSONS INJURED IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Hitchcock moved Resolution No. 648 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy stated he had drawn up a contract with the South Bay Humane Society. They propose to furnish the City with pound service and perform the duties of poundmaster in and for the said City of Torrance. Attorney Rippy then read

RESOLUTION NO. 649

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE SOUTH BAY HUMANE SOCIETY PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC POUND SERVICE.

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 649 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy read

RESOLUTION NO. 650

RESOLUTION DECLARING FAILURE OF CERTAIN LOT OWNERS TO REMOVE WEEDS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES FROM CERTAIN LOTS A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND AUTHORIZING CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 247.

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 650 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Ludlow stated he would like more time to look over plumbing ordinance. Councilman Klusman called attention to part of the plumbing ordinance and read it.

Councilman Stanger referred back to the matter of planting trees along the approach to the park and stated a suggestion had been made to take out trees that hide the street lights and use them at the park. The Street Department is to take care of this matter.

Councilman Stanger reported he had met with the Board of Directors of the Water Company serving McDonald Tract and that they will accept a contract whereby the city can install plugs on an 8" water line. They also agreed when there was a fire to pump water into the irrigation ditches. Also if the city put in the plugs no rent would have to be paid until the plugs are paid for. Attorney Rippy was instructed to draw up a contract with the Water Company in the McDonald Tract and present it at the next Council meeting for approval.

Councilman Stanger reported the cost of installing a fire phone in South Torrance is prohibitive. An alarm system is really the practical way to handle this.

Councilman Klusman stated that since Torrance Boulevard has been completed there is tremendous traffic from Carson Street to Cravens and recommended that stop signs be placed at the intersection of Cravens and Marcelina Avenues. Attorney Rippy was instructed to draw an ordinance for this. Councilman Stanger moved stop signs be placed

at the intersection of Cravens at Marcelina and a street sign be painted. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson reported for the Recreation Department that Mr. McNew a Torrance resident had been appointed supervisor by the S.E.R.A. in place of Miss Odell. The S.E.R.A. pays Mr. McNew \$50.00 per month for working 18 hours per week. However, he will be permitted to work practically full time provided the city pays him an amount equal to 25% of his S.E.R.A. salary, and allows him a limited amount of gas and oil for his car.

Engineer Leonard stated a request had been made to the S.E.R.A. for nine men to work on school crossings.

City Clerk Bartlett reported he had purchased 24 more chairs and a cot, pad and cover for the Sewing Project, also that a drinking fountain had been installed.

Engineer Leonard reported the Edison Company had agreed to furnish the project light and power without cost. It was reported the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company refuse to contribute.

Mayor Ludlow called attention to El Prado through the Shoe String Strip that it was full of deep round holes and believed it wise to notify the City of Los Angeles and demand that some action be taken on this road. Engineer Leonard stated the Chamber of Commerce had been notified and they would send a letter directly to Councilman Buyer.

Mayor Ludlow reported for the Sanitary Sewer District that the S.E.R.A. had approved all the west Torrance line work which would start October 12th. The District had appropriated funds to buy the necessary materials and equipment.

Mayor Ludlow referred to the condition of Cabrillo Avenue and suggested we try to get permission from the Pacific Electric Railway Company to pave to within 3 or 4 feet from the track on the west side for a distance of 3 blocks. Engineer Leonard is to check up on this matter.

Mayor Ludlow referred to the bill from Mr. Quandt and refused to sign the same until a check was made of the hydrants in actual use.

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

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

Mayor Ludlow declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

  
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City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance.