

Torrance, California.
November 12, 1935.

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 Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California on Tuesday, November 12, 1935.

Mayor Ludlow called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. Absent: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned regular meeting held October 29th, a special meeting held October 31st, an adjourned meeting of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned regular meeting held November 4th, and of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned regular meeting held November 8th, 1935 be approved. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the American Legion, thanking the City Council for cooperation in furnishing transportation for musicians to Veterans' Hospital on October 6th. Filed.

Application from Oliver B. McDowell for permission to erect derrick for drilling for oil and gas. Engineer Leonard stated that the derrick is located about a quarter mile from 182nd. Street. Councilman Klusman moved that the permit be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

Communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce regarding further improvement of Torrance Boulevard with planting flowers in Pacific Electric right-of-way, and requesting City Council to confer with business people on this street to discuss parking facilities. Referred to Street Department Committee for report at next meeting.

Communication from the principal of the WALTERIA school with reference to annual Christmas entertainment and asking for \$32.68. Councilman Klusman moved that the request be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

At 8 P.M. Mayor Ludlow announced that Mr. Beebe, of the firm of O'Melveny, Tuller and Myers, had requested that the bids for bonds not be opened as scheduled at this time, and that the names of the bidders not be announced. As word had not yet been received from Washington on the building projects, Mr. Beebe deemed it inadvisable to open the bids at this time. Those bidders present in the audience were advised by Mayor Ludlow that if word came from Washington by Friday, November 15th, a meeting for receiving bids would be held on that date at 4:30 P.M.

At 8:07 P.M. the regular order of business was resumed.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Chief of the Torrance Fire Department, requesting additional consideration for the use of the personal car of the Fire Chief, and recommending a ten dollar increase in the monthly salary of three of the firemen. Councilman Stanger moved that the communication be filed. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried.

Communication dated November 12, 1935 from the Committee of 40, reporting meeting held November 8th regarding suitable sites for public buildings, reaffirming former recommendation to locate near present city hall site, forming a civic center. A resolution had been passed naming El Prado and Cravens as the civic center, and recommending that Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 14, Torrance Tract, and Lots 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 8, Torrance Tract be purchased. It was also recommended that Lot 24, Block 7, Torrance Tract be purchased for further needs. The Committee also advised that it had constituted itself a permanent body.

Upon motion of Councilman Klusman, seconded by Councilman Tolson, the communication was placed on file for further consideration.

Letter from the Air Reduction Sales Company regarding welding and cutting show to be held at Long Beach on Wednesday, November 20, 1935, at 7:30 P.M., and also calling attention to further shows. Referred to Councilman Hitchcock.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 770

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ACCEPTING FIRST WATER WELL DRILLED
BY ROSCOE MOSS COMPANY

Councilman Hitchcock moved the adoption of Resolution No. 770. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

At this point Mayor Ludlow requested Mr. C.J. Rambo to report on his examination of the records of the Los Angeles City School District and of the County Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Rambo explained the difference between school districts and the actual boundaries of cities, and he stated that figures were being compiled to show the amount of money being expended on schools located in the City of Torrance, and also the amount of revenue derived by the operation of schools. Mr. Rambo stated that additional information could be gathered regarding revenues from districts outside of the actual city limits of Torrance for school purposes, and that a complete report would be furnished for an additional cost of \$200.00. Mr. Rambo also explained that the school code states that in the event of the withdrawal of a district from a part of another district, the new district being formed assumes that proportion of any bond moneys formerly spent within the district being formed.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an amount not to exceed \$200.00 be appropriated for the securing of additional information regarding the schools by Mr. Rambo. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Mr. Rambo was requested to report to the Council before November 19th, if possible.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 771

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$5283.36 TO ROSCOE MOSS COMPANY UPON COMPLETION OF DRILLING OF FIRST WATER WELL

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 771 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 772

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$1800.00 TO CHICAGO BRIDGE AND IRON WORKS TO APPLY ON CONTRACT PRICE OF FOUNDATION OF ELEVATED TANK

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 772 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 773

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR LIBRARY SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1936

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 773 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

At about 9:10 P.M. a short recess was held so that the Board of Library Trustees might convene for the purpose of passing a resolution covering the contract with the County of Los Angeles.

The regular order of business was resumed at 9:15 P.M., and Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 774

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TO SECURE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PRIOR TO ISSUING LIQUOR LICENSES

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 774 be adopted. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Councilman Stanger moved that the City Clerk be instructed to refer requests for liquor licenses or transfer of such licenses to the City Council before action is taken. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried.

Councilman Hitchcock requested Engineer Leonard to explain the progress on the second water well. Mr. Leonard stated that the well had been drilled to a depth of 601 feet and that there was a good showing of water-bearing gravel from about 85 feet to 500 feet, but that from 500 feet to 601 feet there was quicksand condition. He said that Mr. Taylor had suggested that the well be developed to a depth of 520 feet, the lower 20 feet of casing not to be perforated.

The matter of replacing trees removed from streets was discussed, and it was decided that the same type should be agreed upon by the residents of the street in question, to prevent the use of a great variety of types. The City Clerk was empowered to call a meeting of the residents of El Prado for the purpose of discussing the type of tree they wish to use to replace the eucalyptus, and to make recommendation to the City Council.

Councilman Stanger reported that the Water Department building does not meet with his approval for a temporary jail while the present jail building is being razed and the new one constructed, but that he had investigated the building of Realty Rufus, and found that it was very satisfactory and could be obtained at a monthly rental of \$60.00 for four offices and three garages.

Councilman Stanger moved that when the government loan is granted and the present jail is demolished, the building of Realty Rufus be rented from Mr. Page until the new building is ready for occupancy. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Councilman Tolson reported that the recreation department is inactive at the present time. He also reported that, instead of building a fence at the park, which would involve considerable expense, a hedge of cypress was being put in.

Mayor Ludlow brought up the question of the Neon signs, and Clerk Bartlett reported that the Chamber of Commerce was getting estimates. The Clerk was requested to contact the Chamber of Commerce again in regard to this matter.

Mayor Ludlow asked City Engineer Leonard about the sewing project, and Mr. Leonard reported that a letter had been written to the W.P.A. stating that the City of Torrance would furnish the necessary room and utilities for this project.

Engineer Leonard asked if the Council desired to ask for bids from two or three drug houses for ammonia and chlorine to be used for water purification. The City Clerk was authorized to receive bids for one year's supply.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Leo Barrera requested a pool hall permit in the Pueblo district. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the permit be granted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. H.L. Slover stated that weeds on lots on Cedar Avenue were creating a fire hazard. He was assured that the matter would be taken care of at once.

Councilman Stanger moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Upon motion of Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned to 4:30 P.M. Friday, November 15, 1935.

Adjournment at 10:08 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett

City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

J. R. Ludlow

Mayor of the City of Torrance.