

Torrance, California.
May 12, 1936.

MINUTES OF A 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 evening, May 12, 1936 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Stanger called the meeting to order.

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

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held April 28, 1936 and of an adjourned regular meeting held May 4, 1936 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Fred G. Damuth, being a claim for damages to his property on Hawthorne Avenue in the amount of \$2000.00.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this matter be referred to the City Attorney. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from Bernard Donohue, applying for position in playground activities for the summer. Referred to Councilman Powell.

Communication from St. Cecelia's Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, requesting use of new Torrance auditorium on June 29, 1936 for a program. Referred to Councilman Tolson.

Communication from Western Office Furniture Company regarding card file system for Police Department. Filed for future reference.

Request for services of Torrance Band for Gardena pageant, June 11 to 14, 1936. Referred to City Clerk to contact Mr. Chaplin.

Communication from the League of California Municipalities, inclosing bulletin which had been sent to City Attorneys of all California cities. Referred to City Attorney.

Communication from League of California Municipalities regarding in lieu tax on automobiles and mentioning suit instituted in Sacramento. In this connection Mayor Stanger stated that the radio news this date had contained an item that payment of this allocation would be made to the cities.

Communication from International Derrick and Equipment Company with reference to steel oil derricks within the city.

Communication from Torrance Chamber of Commerce presenting the idea of an annual exposition for Torrance. It was decided that the Clerk should communicate with the Chamber of Commerce and obtain more details as to the probable expense involved.

Communication from Miss Helen E. Vogelson, County Librarian, suggesting certain changes in the Library, if funds are available.

Mr. Petley discussed these proposed changes and stated that he would have to know within two or three days if same were to be made, as he contemplated plastering very soon.

Engineer Leonard was asked to contact Mr. Eisen as soon as possible and ask his opinion on this matter.

Communication from the Department of Police regarding traffic situation at 239th St. and Pennsylvania, and recommending that a "Slow - Dangerous Corner" sign, rather than a boulevard stop sign be placed at this corner. It was also suggested by the Police Department that a similar sign be placed at 236th St. and Pennsylvania.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the recommendation of the Police Department be followed. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried.

Chief Calder was instructed to have these signs placed.

Applications for permission to sell fireworks were received from Wm. R. Vickroy, Walter Birchler and Jay Emery. Referred to the Police Department.

Communication from the County Board of Supervisors, inclosing copy of resolution authorizing appropriation for improvement of Cedar Avenue in the City of Torrance.

Petition from the Torrance Symphonic Orchestra, requesting appropriation in new budget.

Upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, this communication was referred to the Finance Committee.

Communication from the American Rubber Manufacturing Company regarding expected increase in price of fire hose, and quoting present prices.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that a purchase order be sent this company for 1000 feet of 2½" and 500 feet of 1½" fire hose, to be billed in July. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson, and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

After a brief discussion by Mayor Stanger of the liquor permit situation in Torrance and the difficulty of getting the Board of Equalization to refuse such permits, Attorney Rippe presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 932

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE REQUESTING THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TO DENY "B AND Z" LIQUOR LICENSE TO MASAYUKI FURUTA

Councilmen Tolson moved that Resolution No. 932 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy stated that the W.P.A. project on Bixby Slough is due to close Friday, May 15th, and that the organization of cities interested in this project is protesting the closing up of the work at the present time.

A gentleman in the audience giving his name as S. C. Sault, appeared as a representative of the Gardena Valley Industrial Harbor District organization. He stated that the name of the organization will probably be changed, in an effort to please all cities which are interested in the project.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 933

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE REQUESTING THE W.P.A. TO CONTINUE TO
COMPLETION THE BIXBY SLOUGH INDUSTRIAL HARBOR SURVEY

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 933 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 279

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
REGULATING PARKING ON CABRILLO AVENUE
BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND 213TH STREET

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 279 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 279 be adopted for second reading. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy stated that the owner of the carbon plant, now being used by the Recreation Department, desires to have the lease renewed at this time, as he is going away, although the lease does not expire until June 30, 1936.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 934

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LEASE WITH
WILLIAM YOUKSTETTER

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 934 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 935

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXERCISE OF OPTION
TO PURCHASE LOTS 13 AND 14, BLOCK 9,
TORRANCE TRACT

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 935 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 936

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 6 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HALL BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET NO. 1174-R

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 936 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 937

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET NO. 1175-R

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 937 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 938

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 9 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY HALL AND JAIL BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET NO. 1176-R

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 938 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that the Cedar Avenue improvement will be completed in about three weeks.

Councilman McGuire reported that baseball games are being played each Tuesday and Friday evening at the Municipal Park.

Councilman Powell asked Councilman Tolson's advice in regard to the application of Mr. Donohue for playground work, and Councilman Tolson suggested that he take the matter up with Mr. Riley, as Recreation Director.

Mayor Stanger asked Councilman Powell if he had investigated the Pueblo baseball team. The manager of this team was in the audience and presented a request for financial support by the City.

Clerk Bartlett stated that Mr. Riley has a plan which he is working on regarding a hard ball team, which he intends to present to the Council at its next meeting.

Mayor Stanger requested Councilman Powell to contact Mr. Riley and discuss the baseball program with him.

Councilman Powell also invited the manager of the team to meet with them, stating that they would get together May 13th.

Mayor Stanger asked Engineer Leonard about the rezoning of Mr. Lovelady's lot on Gramercy and Carson Streets.

Engineer Leonard stated that the building permit had been issued, with the understanding that the construction should be of metal lath and plaster. He also said that the adjoining property owners had no objection to this type of construction.

Mayor Stanger stated that the new parking ordinance affecting Cabrillo Avenue will necessitate marking, and suggested that traffic buttons be used as a permanent means of marking.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that 1000 traffic buttons be purchased, in the amount of \$80.00, for the marking of Cabrillo Avenue, in accordance with Ordinance No. 279. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Stanger brought up the question of refinishing the Council table and chairs, to be used in the Committee Room in the new City Hall.

Clerk Bartlett presented one bid on this work and stated that he expected to receive another.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation not to exceed \$100.00 be made for refinishing the furniture. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$310.00, plus sales tax, be made for the purchase of six swivel chairs and five straight-back chairs for the new Council Chamber. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Stanger reported that he had attended the Sanitation District meeting this date and that information on the West Torrance connection would be forthcoming soon.

Mayor Stanger stated that the tentative date set for the dedication of the new buildings is June 27, 1936.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:25 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Tolson, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Bartlett

City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

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