

Torrance, California.
May 26, 1936.

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 Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on May 26, 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 the regular meeting of May 12, 1936 and of the special meeting of May 19, 1936 be approved as written. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Clifford F. Reid Inc., thanking Council for placing boulevard stop signs in Palos Verdes, and calling attention to the need of an additional sign at the corner of Paseo de las Delicias and Camino del Campo.

Communication from South Bay Humane Society, submitting report of work done in and for the City of Torrance during the past eleven months, asking increase in dog license fee, and requesting renewal of contract.

At the request of Mayor Stanger, Captain John Stroh explained the work the South Bay Humane Society has done and stated that their service was extremely satisfactory.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 280

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING
SECTION 14 OF ORDINANCE NO. 236, AND INCREASING
LICENSE FEES ON DOGS.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 280 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 280 be adopted for first 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.

Communication from Los Angeles County Department of Health, notifying the City that a quarantine against rabies has been established in the section bounded by Cedar Avenue, Madrona Avenue, Carson Street and Torrance Boulevard.

Communication from Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs, calling attention to two Fire Chief Conferences, and urging that the Torrance Fire Chief attend. Filed for further consideration.

Communication from Los Angeles Board of Education, expressing appreciation for privilege of using new Torrance Civic Auditorium for the High School graduation exercises on June 18th.

Communication from Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, requesting permission to sell fireworks on July 1, 2, 3 and 4, 1936 at three locations.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request be granted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from the office of the Commissioner of Finance of the City of Santa Monica, regarding "Seeing Eye" dogs, and expressing importance of permitting blind persons to take these dogs with them on busses and street cars.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk notify the Santa Monica Commissioner of Finance that there are no street car lines or bus system in the City of Torrance, but that the City is glad to extend any courtesy, privilege or accommodation to these people. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from the Texas Company, inclosing check for \$49.96, in payment of amount due under ordinances in existence in the City of Torrance. Filed.

Communication from C. J. Rambo & Co. with reference to providing funds with which to meet interest and principal payments on the new buildings, and recommending an increase in the tax rate to cover this need (in order to avoid a shortage in funds or an excessive registration of warrants).

Referred to Finance Committee.

Communication from Simpson Scenic Studios, submitting price on draperies and asbestos curtain for auditorium.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City enter into a contract with Simpson Scenic Studios, to be billed July 15, 1936. 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.

Petition requesting hearing to protest against dismissal of Mr. Dandoy as dance instructor at Torrance Recreation Center. No action. (Brought up again under "Oral Communications.")

Attorney Rippy stated that Mr. George Isaacs, Health Dept. Inspector, had complained of the unsanitary condition of several hog ranches in the city limits of Torrance.

The matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee, and the Attorney was requested to submit an ordinance at the next regular meeting.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 281

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROHIBITING THE DRINKING OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS, STREETS, ALLEYS, PARKS AND PUBLIC PLACES OF SAID CITY.

Councilman Tolson moved that Ordinance No. 281 be adopted for first 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 presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 944

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF \$359.67 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CITY HALL AND JAIL P.W.A. CONSTRUCTION FUND, P.W.A. PROJECT NO. 1176-R.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 944 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. 945

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET NO. 1175-R.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 945 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. 946

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY FOR IMPROVEMENT AND WIDENING OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 946 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 he had talked with Mr. Damuth's attorney in regard to the Hawthorne project and that he also would see the Home Owners' Loan Association in connection with this matter.

Clerk Bartlett stated that the Mexicans in the Pueblo wish to use the Municipal Park on September 15 and 16, 1936 to celebrate their Independence Day.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. W. A. Birchler requested permission to sell fireworks at 907 Narbonne Avenue, this verbal request supplementing a written request dated April 20, 1936.

Mayor Stanger stated that this matter had been referred to the Police Department and that as yet no recommendation had been received.

Mrs. Dandoy brought up the matter referred to in the petition read by Clerk Bartlett, and asked that the Council make an effort to have Mr. Dandoy reinstated.

It was explained that the City could not interfere in a W.P.A. matter, but Councilmen Tolson and Powell agreed to do what they could, Mr. Tolson offering to contact Miss Meredith of the W.P.A. and arrange a hearing.

Mr. F. M. Andreani discussed the Bixby Slough project and requested an appropriation of \$200.00 to enable him to complete the compiling of data preparatory to submitting the matter on the ballot.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this request be referred to the Finance Committee. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Two gentlemen requested permission to demonstrate the Ampli-phone Intercommunicating System, which permission was granted.

Mayor Stanger brought up the question of the advisability of purchasing or building a Water Company office.

Councilman Powell moved that a committee be appointed to investigate this matter. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mayor Stanger appointed the entire Council as the committee and requested that they meet Thursday, May 28, 1936 at 4:30 P.M. to investigate three buildings offered for sale.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. 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.

Mayor Stanger asked Engineer Leonard to report on the Fire Department building, the swimming pool and the park.

City Engineer Leonard stated that the Architects, Walker and Eisen, are preparing a plan for the remodeling of the Fire Department building, which will be submitted to the Council within the near future. He also reported that work is progressing on the swimming pool and park plans.

At 9:40 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Powell, the meeting adjourned to June 1, 1936, at 4:30 P.M.

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

Approved:

W. H. Stanger
Mayor of the City of Torrance