

Torrance, California
February 9, 1937

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 Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, February 9, 1937 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 held January 26, 1937 be approved as written. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the Pacific Electric Railway Company, addressed to the City Engineer, relative to widening the pavement along the south roadway of Torrance Boulevard from Western Avenue to 213th Street.

Communication from Geo. P. Thatcher and Edith Quandt Thatcher, expressing gratitude for the opening of Martha Street.

Communication from Tide Water Associated Oil Company, Associated Division, stating that no receipts or earnings were derived under Ordinance No. 127, during the twelve montsh preceding February 1, 1937.

Letter from Southern California Gas Company, inclosing report covering pipe line laid in City of Torrance under Los Angeles County franchise No. 463 during the period from July 1, 1936 to December 31, 1936, inclusive, and inclosing check for \$1.05.

Invitation to chicken dinner benefit for flood sufferers in the Middle West, to be given by Townsend Club No. 2 of Redondo Beach on February 11, 1937.

Communication from the Board of Education, addressed to the City Engineer, stating that the cost of providing a sidewalk on Torrance Boulevard and Elm Street, as requested by the Fern Avenue P.T.A., was not taken care of in the current budget, but that same would be considered in the 1937-38 budget.

Engineer Leonard reported that a copy of this letter had been forwarded to the Fern Avenue Parent-Teacher Association.

Communication from the President of the Walteria Parent-Teacher Association, regarding dangerous crossing at 101 Highway and Hawthorne Avenue, and requesting that steps be taken to safeguard the school children.

There was considerable discussion of this situation, and the Mayor requested Engineer Leonard to communicate again with the State regarding school signs and the painting of the cross-walk.

Further consideration of the matter was deferred, as the hour for opening bids had arrived.

At 8 P.M. City Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following sealed bids on the improvement of Narbonne Avenue from the southerly line of Sepulveda Boulevard to the southerly line of 240th Street:

<u>FIRM</u>	<u>TOTAL BID UNIT "A"</u>	<u>TOTAL BID UNIT "B"</u>
UNITED CONCRETE PIPE CORPORATION	\$11856.00	\$3998.20
GEORGE R. CURTIS PAVING COMPANY	\$ 9383.00	\$2800.90
ANSCO CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.	\$11081.55	\$2668.50
OSWALD BROS.	\$ 9806.35	\$3402.60

Councilman Hitchcock moved that these bids be referred to the City Engineer to report back on February 15 at an adjourned meeting. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried.

At 8:15 P.M. the discussion of the crossing at 101 Highway and Hawthorne Avenue was resumed.

It was decided that the Police Committee should contact the Automobile Club of Southern California and request their cooperation.

The Clerk read a petition from 17 persons, requesting that marble game tables be allowed to operate in the City of Torrance.

The Mayor explained that the reason Ordinance No. 261 had been rescinded was that it conflicted with the State law.

The newspaper reporter from the Torrance Herald was asked to print an item explaining this matter.

Councilman McGuire moved that the petition be filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Engineer Leonard presented a file of letters regarding the intersection of Highway 101 and Hawthorne, including communications between the Engineer's Office and the State, the letters from the latter indicating that they did not consider this an extremely hazardous crossing.

Councilman Powell moved that the Police Department place one motorcycle officer at this intersection during school hours for a month (which would necessitate the employing of an additional man for the Police Department), to see if this will remedy the situation. 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 a copy of the portion of the minutes showing the action of the Council in connection with this intersection be forwarded to the President of the Walteria Parent-Teacher Association. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Rippy presented for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 291

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING
THE HOURS OF DANCING

Councilman McGuire moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 291 be dispensed with. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell explained that he had voted "No" at the first reading of Ordinance No. 291, due to a misunderstanding.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 291 be adopted for final 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 Mr. Rambo had a report from Washington that the grant had been approved on the Administration Building, but that they wanted a formal resolution rescinding acceptance of Fire Station.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1081

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE RESCINDING ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER OF GRANT
OF FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC
WORKS TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION,
P.W.A. DOCKET NO. 1486-D

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1081 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. 1082

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE APPROPRIATING \$1425.00 IN CONNECTION
WITH W.P.A. PROJECT NO. 6344

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1082 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 reported that the Damuth case had come to trial on Friday, February 5th and that the Judge had agreed to come down and look over the property, after which he will render a decision.

Councilman Powell called attention to the fact that the corner of Carson Street and Manuel Avenue is confusing to traffic.

Engineer Leonard stated that this matter had been considered before and he had plans on file covering the proposed straightening of Carson Street.

It was decided for the time being to paint a double white line to direct the traffic on Carson Street.

Engineer Leonard stated that an additional amount would be needed to cover the cost in connection with the raising of the tracks at the intersection of Cabrillo Avenue and the Pacific Electric depot site on El Prado.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that not to exceed \$250.00 be appropriated to cover this expense. 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 some of the Owl buttons had been placed, namely on Torrance Boulevard at Maple Avenue, and that others were ready to be placed.

Engineer Leonard requested that the Council appropriate \$88.81, plus tax, for a tapping machine for the Water Department.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this request be granted. 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 Tolson moved that \$162.85, plus tax, be appropriated for the purchase of light supplies for street lights. 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.

Mayor Stanger stated that the Columbia Steel Corporation had originally intended to present their play for their own benefit, but that they had voluntarily donated the entire proceeds to the Red Cross for flood sufferers. He therefore suggested that the City of Torrance cancel all indebtedness incurred by the Columbia Steel Corporation for rent of the Auditorium.

Councilman Tolson moved that all charges for the use of the Auditorium by the Columbia Steel Corporation for their play be cancelled. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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.

At 8:58 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Tolson, the meeting adjourned to Monday, Feb. 15 at 7:45 P.M.

Approved: A. H. Bant
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

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