

Torrance, California
June 8, 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, June 8, 1937 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

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

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 25, 1937 and of the adjourned regular meeting of June 1, 1937 be approved as written. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the Bert S. Crossland Post of The American Legion asking permission to operate fireworks booths in the City of Torrance.

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

Communication from Mr. F. O. Adler, of San Pedro, requesting permission to operate fireworks stand on Highway 101.

Mr. Adler appeared in person also and stated that he believed that his business would not interfere with the American Legion.

Clerk Bartlett stated that a permit has already been renewed for a man across the street from the location requested by Mr. Adler.

Councilman McGuire moved that the Mayor be authorized to grant the permit if, after contacting the Commander of the American Legion, he determines that Mr. Adler will not conflict with the fireworks business of the American Legion. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

Communication from the Torrance Townsend Club No. 1 expressing appreciation for use of the Municipal Park for their picnic on May 23, 1937.

Communications from the Gardena Valley American Legion, from its Commander, and from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, expressing thanks for the Torrance Municipal Band in Gardena on Memorial Day.

Request from Fred Crawford and Elmer Crawford for permit to operate pool hall at 1214 El Prado (formerly operated by Clarence Pinkham).

Councilman McGuire moved that the request be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Communication from the Los Angeles Board of Education thanking the City for the use of the Civic Auditorium for the High School graduation exercises.

Communication from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors inclosing a copy of resolution authorizing appropriation for the improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard in the City of Torrance.

The Clerk also read a copy of a letter written by Supervisor Ford to Road Commissioner Jones with reference to the improvement of Sepulveda Boulevard.

Engineer Leonard explained that the 1/4¢ gasoline tax funds would be used for the improvement of Crenshaw. He also stated that the Council is urged to attend the League meeting on June 17 and the Supervisors' meeting on June 18 to discuss the question of the improvement of Sepulveda Boulevard.

Clerk Bartlett presented the Appraisal and Valuation Report of the Moneta Water Company, from Taylor & Taylor.

The Mayor referred this report to the Council and to the City Engineer for study.

Engineer Leonard reported that requests had been received to erect street signs at 182nd Street and Bailey, 181st Street and Hickman, 182nd Street and Hawthorne, and 182nd Street and Prairie, to cost about \$10.00.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the requests be granted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Leonard stated that it was desired to open Alice Street, between Martha Street and Ocean Avenue, at an approximate cost of \$100.00.

Councilman McGuire moved that Alice Street be opened between Martha Street and Ocean Avenue. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1112

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 IN CONNECTION
WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, P. W. A. DOCKET NO. 1487-D.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1112 be adopted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1113

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE APPROVING SUBCONTRACTORS AND
AMOUNTS OF SUBCONTRACTS OF ESER WIKHOLM, LTD.,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET NO. 1487-D

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1113 be adopted.
Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by
the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger,
Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 294

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 228

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

Councilman Deininger moved that Ordinance No. 294 be adopted.
Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the
following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock,
McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT:
COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for first reading and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 295

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING ORDINANCE No. 232

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 295 be adopted for
first reading. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which
was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN:
Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCIL-
MEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1114

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 1054

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1114 be adopted.
Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the
following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock,
McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT:
COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1115

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY
OF CONTRACT WITH THE SOUTH BAY HUMANE SOCIETY
FOR PUBLIC POUND SERVICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1937-38

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1115 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Deininger read a recommendation from Mr. W. H. Stanger, Manager of the Water Department, for the purchase of a float at \$87.05, and for enlarging and reconstructing the aerator at the water plant at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$87.05 be appropriated for a float to be purchased from the Pacific Boat Company. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Deininger moved that not to exceed \$500.00 be appropriated to enlarge and reconstruct the aerator. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Deininger presented a request from the Manager of the Water Department for the purchase of a Byron-Jackson type pump from the Long Beach Iron Works. It was stated that the pump would cost \$1716.53, including sales tax; the installation would cost \$855.00; and the electrical work would cost \$934.00, making a total of \$3505.53.

After some discussion as to whether the Bond Act required advertising for bids, it was moved by Councilman McGuire that the appropriation of \$3505.53 be made and the pump be purchased and installed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Rescinded at Special Meeting June 9, 1937.

Councilman Deininger reported that a reduction in water rates is being worked out.

Councilman McGuire reported on the meeting held recently in Gardena for the purpose of requesting the Pacific Electric Railway Company to render better service. He stated that Mr. O. A. Smith, President of the Pacific Electric, had said that within a month an entirely new schedule would be worked out for this section for bus service. This would mean better service and a possible future reduction in rates.

Councilman McGuire stated that there seems to be a great deal of speeding in Torrance now, and he emphasized the danger to children when school is out.

This matter was referred to the Police Department.

Councilman McGuire said that he believed the Street Department should be congratulated on the good appearance of the lot at the rear of the Library.

Clerk Bartlett requested authority to renew the liability insurance on the City buildings and on the park, the premium on the buildings to be \$223.12 and on the ball park, \$128.00.

Councilman Deininger moved that the Clerk be authorized to renew the liability insurance with the Great American Indemnity Company of New York. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1116

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PARTIAL PAYMENT OF
\$475.74 TO ESER WIKHOLM, LTD., IN CONNECTION
WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, P. W. A. DOCKET 1487-D

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1116 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson reported that he had again talked with Mr. Trieb, of the Los Angeles Board of Education, regarding the use of the High School playground during the summer, but that it was not expected that it would be used.

Mayor Tolson stated that he had a request from the Fire Chief for additional fire plugs, for painting the curb red in front of the plugs on Ward Street, and for repairs around fire plugs on Hawthorne Avenue.

This matter was referred to the Fire Commissioner to take up with the Fire Chief and with Mr. Quandt.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The question of zoning in North Torrance, to prohibit brick yards, was brought up and a lengthy discussion was held.

Attorney Rippy stated that the entire City would have to be rezoned, in order to zone this section, and that even then it might not stick unless it could be proved that there is a definite trend toward residential, and not industrial, development.

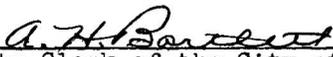
From the audience Mr. McDowell, Mr. John Salm, Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Dunn made remarks on the zoning problem and asked the Council to do what they could.

The question of the brick yard permit granted to Mr. Higgins in October, 1936 was discussed and the possibility of revoking the permit was considered.

It was decided to refer the matter to the City Attorney for a ruling as soon as possible on the status of the permit granted to Mr. Higgins.

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

At 9:35 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Deininger, the meeting adjourned.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:



Mayor of the City of Torrance.