

Torrance, California
June 29, 1937

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an adjourned regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, June 29, 1937 at 7:30 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 held June 22, 1937 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Jesus Mora asking permission to operate a pool hall at 2204 Harriet Street, Pueblo, formerly operated by Leo Barrera.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this request 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.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1126

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1937-38.

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1126 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.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1127

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE TORRANCE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1937-38.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1127 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.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1128

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1937-38.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1128 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. 1129

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE TORRANCE HERALD FOR OFFICIAL ADVERTISING FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1937-38.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1129 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.

Engineer Leonard reported that he had attended the meeting held in El Segundo on June 25th for the purpose of ascertaining if this is the time to approach the Southern California Edison Company on the lowering of rates for overhead street lights.

He also stated that by changing from the present flat rate basis to a metered basis, the City of Torrance would save from 40% to 45%, also that when power is received from Boulder Dam, undoubtedly the rates will be much lower. Therefore, it seems a good time to ask the Edison Company to reduce their rates.

Mr. Leonard said that a Mr. L. H. Stewart, who is an expert on lighting rates, had offered to handle the matter with the Edison Company at a cost of \$10.00 for each city interested.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$10.00 be appropriated for the services of Mr. L. H. Stewart in securing reduced rates from the Southern California Edison Company. 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.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1130

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, LTD., COVERING OVERHEAD STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM AND ELECTRIC ENERGY FOR ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTS FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 1937 AND TERMINATING JUNE 30, 1938.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1130 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. 1131

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE INDICATING AN INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES IN WALTERIA

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1131 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.

Engineer Leonard stated that word had been received from the contractor on the Administration Building regarding the change in type of tables, which would necessitate a change order.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1132

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3, IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (P.W.A. DOCKET NO. 1487-D)

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1132 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.

Engineer Leonard reported that Eser Wikholm, contractor on the Administration Building, desires additional plans of the building for the use of sub-contractors.

Clerk Bartlett stated that in accordance with the contract, the contractor must purchase additional plans from the architect.

The City Engineer was asked to refer the matter to the architects.

Councilman Deininger presented the proposed changes in water rates, and introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 1133

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING EXISTING WATER RATES AND ADOPTING NEW WATER RATES, EFFECTIVE JUNE _____ 1937.

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1133 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 presented the estimated budget for Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1134

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1937-38, FOR ACT OF 1927 MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1134 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.

Councilman Deininger moved that the Council approve an appropriation of \$154.00 from the Bond Fund for completing a pipe line and installing a fire hydrant at Arlington and Sepulveda. 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 presented the tentative budget and rate schedule for the City of Torrance for the year 1937-38.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1135

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1937-38, FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1135 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.

Councilman Deininger moved that the City Clerk be instructed to advise the Chamber of Commerce of the action of the City Council regarding the budget and the financial arrangement concerning the Chamber. 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 Hitchcock asked the City Engineer to report regarding the tree planting program on 101 Highway.

Engineer Leonard reported that approximately \$17,000.00 had been assigned to the City of Torrance for state highway purposes for two years. He said that the palm trees planted by the City on 101 Highway have been killed by storms and freezing. He stated that if the City will replace about 215 trees, at an approximate cost of \$165.00, the State will set aside \$1000.00 from gas tax funds for watering and maintaining them.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$165.00 be appropriated for the purchase of trees to be planted on 101 Highway, and that the Clerk notify the State Highway Commission that they will be expected to maintain the trees out of \$1000.00 set aside from the gas tax funds. 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.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Hodges asked the Council to consider an adjustment of the business license ordinance.

After some discussion, Mayor Tolson referred the matter to the Ordinance Committee, the City Attorney and the City Clerk to make some recommendation to the Council at the next regular meeting.

Mr. D. C. Turner requested the removal of two pepper trees at 1923 Andreo.

This matter was referred to Councilman Hitchcock.

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: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:43 P. M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, July 6, 1937 at 7:45 P. M.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:



Mayor of the City of Torrance.