

Torrance, California
January 11, 1938

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 evening, January 11, 1938, 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 a regular meeting held December 28, 1937 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce advising that the regular meeting of the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce for the annual installation of officers will be held Thursday, January 13, 1938 in the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

A communication was read from the American Legion, Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, extending an invitation to a dinner to the Mayor, members of the Council, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Street Superintendent. The Clerk was instructed to notify L.G. Barkdull, Commander, how many would attend.

A communication was read from Richfield Oil Corporation enclosing check for \$411.00 in payment of pipe line Franchise Ordinance No. 92.

A communication was read from Union Oil Company of California advising that no pipe lines were laid during the six months' period ending January 1, 1938, under Ordinance No. 1501 of the County of Los Angeles.

A communication was read from Bodger Seeds, Ltd. requesting information regarding the water project along Arlington Avenue. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the letter be referred to Engineer Leonard for reply. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce enclosing their report for the quarterly period ending December 31, 1937 and requesting an appropriation of \$1800.00 for maintenance and operation during the quarter ending March 31, 1938.

Councilman Deininger moved that \$1800.00 be appropriated from the Advertising Fund to the Chamber of Commerce for the above purpose. 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.

A communication was read from Torrance Symphony and Grand Opera Association requesting the reservation of the Civic Auditorium without cost for five concerts on the following dates: February 18, March 18, April 15, May 13 and June 10, 1938.

After considerable discussion, Councilman McGuire moved that the request be granted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Attorney Rippy and Engineer Leonard regarding the proposed zoning of the City of Torrance.

The City Attorney stated that the report consists of a zoning map and a tentative draft of an ordinance setting forth the boundaries of various districts, as well as proposed regulations and restrictions to be enforced. He also stated that a public hearing will be held on this tentative report at the next two regular meetings of the City Council January 25, and February 8, 1938, and that the notice of said hearing will be published in the Torrance Herald on January 20, 1938, January 27, 1938 and February 3, 1938. Engineer Leonard stated that he had received two applications for permits to erect derricks for the drilling of oil in the Vista Highland section. Engineer Leonard advised them that this matter would be taken up with the City Council to

determine how that section should be zoned.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1171

RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF
TORRANCE SUBMITTING TENTATIVE ZONING
REPORT AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING
THEREON*

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1171 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 read a communication from the Richfield Oil Corporation advising that they had acquired the assets of the Pan American Petroleum Corporation; that one of the assets acquired was Franchise Ordinance No. 92; and that they would like the consent of the City Council to the assignment of this Franchise to the Richfield Oil Corporation.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1172

RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE CONSENTING TO AN ASSIGNMENT OF
FRANCHISE.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1172 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.

Attorney Rippy reported on a meeting of the Metropolitan Water District. The main reason for the meeting was to determine if Torrance, Long Beach and Compton would decide on the size of lateral and location of the reservoir. It was agreed by these three cities that there should be a larger lateral and that the reservoir should be put in, stating that within the next twenty-five years a smaller line would be inadequate. It is believed the City of Los Angeles is not in favor of a larger pipe line and a reservoir, and that we must convince the Los Angeles Directors such a requirement is necessary.

Engineer Leonard made a request for a couple of lights for Pueblo at a cost of \$2.10 each per month.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the 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.

Councilman Deininger moved that an appropriation of \$410.87 be made out of the Bond Fund for the purchase of 700' of 4" Cast Iron Pipe, and 1 90° Elbow Cast Iron, the material to be used to eliminate dead ends on Carson and Watson Streets. 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. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock requested the City Engineer and the Street Superintendent to investigate the Western Avenue entrance with a view to beautifying the street, and to report the result of their investigation at the next meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$190.00 be made for the purchase of fertilizer. 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.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$105.00 plus sales tax be made for traffic paint. 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 stated he had received a request from the Edison Company for the removal of a certain number of trees on Carson and Date Streets. After considerable discussion, Councilman Hitchcock suggested that the Street Committee investigate the matter of the removal of trees at a special meeting to be held Thursday, January 13, 1938, at 4:30 p.m.

Engineer Leonard reported that building permits for January in amount of \$1,732,000.00 had been issued.

Mayor Tolson stated that there were two appointments to be made on the Civil Service Board in place of George L. Probert and Alden W. Smith, whose terms have expired. Mayor Tolson suggested that Candidate Robert B. Roberts be appointed for the term of three years, and Candidate B.D. Bunje for the term of one year. Councilman Hitchcock moved that Robert B. Roberts be appointed for a term of three years, and B.D. Bunje for a term of one year. 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. *Amended 4-76-38*

Mayor Tolson stated there were two appointments to be made on the Library Board, in place of Scott R. Ludlow and W.K. Klusman, whose terms have expired. Councilman Hitchcock moved that Scott R. Ludlow be reappointed for a term of two years. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Councilman Deininger moved that Tom F. McGuire be appointed to the Library Board for a term of two years. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Scott of The Torrance Electric Shop, brought up the question of forming a more modern Electrical Ordinance, stating that no changes had been made to the present one for a number of years. He believed that a new ordinance would be of great help to the Electrical Department as well as to the electrical contractors, however, he definitely stated that there should be no changes in the cost of electrical work. Engineer Leonard stated that this matter had been brought up before in the past, and he believed that in many cases the Electrical Ordinance could be improved. The City Electrician made a lengthy discussion regarding different types of electrical work and gave some suggestions on how the Electrical Ordinance could be amended. Mayor Tolson suggested the matter be referred to the Ordinance Committee for consideration. Councilman Powell recommended that the Ordinance Committee meet with the City Engineer, the City Electrician, & Mr. Scott, as well as other local electricians, at a date to be set for the purpose of making suggestions and improvements to the Electrical Ordinance.

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 8:40 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Deininger, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.

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

Approved:

M. H. Tolson
Mayor of the City of Torrance.