

Torrance, California  
April 5, 1938

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, April 5, 1938 at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

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

Being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was suspended.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

A communication from Mr. D.A. Ross was read, in which he stated that he is contemplating the purchase of a piece of property for the express purpose of developing a silver fox ranch thereon, and inquiring as to whether or not a certain district is zoned permitting such an enterprise.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this matter be referred to the City Council for investigation. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett reported franchise earnings from Shell Oil Company amounting to \$180.74.

Communication from Torrance Chamber of Commerce, together with a report covering activities for the quarter ending March 31, 1938, was read. The request for an appropriation of \$1800.00 for maintenance and operation of the Chamber of Commerce during the succeeding quarter was made.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$1800.00 to the Chamber of Commerce be made. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$99.14 be made for meter boxes for the Water Department, and an appropriation of not to exceed \$165.66 be authorized for repair parts for meters. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication from the Fern Avenue Parent Teacher Association was read, requesting the free use of the Civic Auditorium the afternoon and evening of April 9, 1938.

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

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. James Brown again brought up the subject of the deplorable condition existing in her neighborhood as a result of dust blowing directly into the residential district from the truck gardens on Torrance Boulevard. After a period of discussion, it was decided that the property owners in the district which is being damaged by the dust contact the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company, lessors of the piece of property being used for gardening purposes, in an effort to work out some plan whereby the farming in the future can be restricted to certain types of growth. In the meantime, however, the Engineering Department was instructed to investigate the matter and determine whether or not it would be practical to erect a high board fence until this year's crop is out.

Mr. Mershon asked what progress had been made by the Committee appointed to study the furtherance of Symphony in Torrance. He was informed that a report will be made at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Mr. Hagberg of Walteria suggested that copies of new ordinances of the City of Torrance be posted on the Walteria Fire House for the convenience of residents in that area. He also asked that something be done toward paving the streets in Walteria, stating that the streets are in a very bad condition.

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 and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett stated that, since the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Council falls on April 12, 1938, Election Day, the meeting will be held April 13, 1938.

At 8:08 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Powell, the meeting adjourned.

A. M. Bartlett  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. M. Tolson  
Mayor of the City of Torrance