

Torrance, California
February 28, 1939

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, February 28, 1939 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

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

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held February 14, 1939 be approved as written. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Edgar S. Frenger, 3657

Emerald Street, urging that more thought be directed toward improvement, maintenance and construction of roads east and west, mentioning in particular the district north of Torrance Boulevard in the vicinity of Emerald Street.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be filed. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Carleton B. Bell, requesting removal of a pepper tree at 1544 Marcelina Avenue. Referred to the Street Department.

A communication was read from Mrs. L.C. Luck, requesting removal of a tree at 1004 Beech Avenue. Referred to the Street Department.

A request by Brady Wolff for trimming of a large eucalyptus tree at 2317 Sierra was read. Referred to the Street Department.

A communication was read from John E. Young, requesting removal of two large eucalyptus trees adjoining his property at 1531 El Prado.

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

Councilman McGuire stated that this matter was referred to the Planning Commission and that he seriously objects to removal of live trees from individual properties on El Prado or any other street.

A petition with twenty-five signatures was read, protesting against heavy trucking on Plaza Del Amo from the West line of Cabrillo to the East boundary of Arlington. Mr. Gascoigne suggested that if Sepulveda Boulevard could be improved a little, trucks could be routed from Arlington Avenue, down Sepulveda Boulevard to Cabrillo Avenue. Director of Public Safety Stroh advised that it will be necessary to adopt an ordinance prohibiting heavy trucking, or to amend the ordinance now in effect prohibiting heavy trucking on 218th Street, 222nd Street and 220th Street to include Plaza Del Amo.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the petition be referred to the City Engineer and City Attorney for report at the next meeting. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from A.M. Rosenfeld Company, 440 West 7th Street, San Pedro, inquiring whether or not the center of Torrance Boulevard between Cravens Avenue and Arlington Avenue could be rolled in order that the level would be in accordance with the street portion to the north and south.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the Street Department. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, advising that the Directorate of said Chamber of Commerce had authorized an appropriation of \$10.00 monthly to the Walteria Recreational Center, said appropriation to be paid from the membership fund of the Chamber of Commerce, with the understanding that the City of Torrance will reimburse the Chamber for all such expenditures.

Councilman Murray moved that this action be approved; that the Chamber of Commerce be requested to furnish the City of Torrance with receipted bills of the Walteria expense account; Chamber of Commerce to be reimbursed by the City of Torrance upon receipt of said bills. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Young reported that the drying rack of the Walteria Fire Station is within about one or one and one-half feet from the building line on City of Torrance property. This report resulted from the request of Mr. Joseph W. Venable that the City purchase the lot adjoining the Walteria Fire Station.

Engineer Young reported that he, Councilman Hitchcock, and Street Superintendent Gascoigne had investigated the request of Steven and Marie Schmidt for paving of the alley behind Lot 20, Block 80, Torrance tract and had advised them that the City of Torrance will pave the alley as soon as building begins.

Engineer Young advised he had nothing further to report regarding the request by the City that the Pacific Electric Railway Company pay their share for replacing caved in culvert on western Avenue. He said he is still waiting to hear from Mr. E.C. Johnson, Chief Engineer of the Pacific Electric Railway Company, regarding the matter.

Attorney McCall presented for final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 310

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
DECLARING THE CLOSING UP, VACATING
AND ABANDONING IN WHOLE OF THAT PORTION
OF THE 15-FOOT ALLEY IN BLOCK 2 OF SUB-
DIVISION OF LOT 33 OF MEADOW PARK TRACT.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 310 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 310 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney McCall presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1330

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC
RAILWAY COMPANY TO REMOVE CERTAIN RAILWAY
TRACKS FROM TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND RECON-
STRUCT CURVE AT SARTORI AVENUE AND TORRANCE
BOULEVARD, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO PACIFIC
ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY FOR SAID WORK.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1330 be adopted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney McCall presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1331

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FROM THE
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY OVER A
PORTION OF LOT "E", TRACT #1427.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1331 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney McCall presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1332

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPT-

ING AN EASEMENT FROM THE GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION OF CALIFORNIA OVER AND ACROSS THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 190TH STREET AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1332 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney McCall presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROPOSING TO HIS EXCELLENCY CULBERT L. OLSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE NAME OF WILLIAM R. BARCLAY AS A MEMBER OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

Councilman Powell moved the above Resolution be adopted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Murray stated that erroneous reports have been circulated that the City Council has been inactive regarding the matter of trying to help citizens gain employment with the Metropolitan Water District project in Palos Verdes Hills.

Clerk Bartlett stated that the City Council and officials have done and are doing everything possible toward securing employment for the citizens of Torrance with the Metropolitan Water District, but, he said, each town is allowed a certain quota, the City of Torrance quota being more than filled at all times. He also stated that, in one particular instance he knew of, a young man, after obtaining his Metropolitan Water District employment card presented it to the contractor on the job, who advised him that he must be affiliated with the American Federation of Labor before he would be eligible for work. Subsequently the young man appeared at the American Federation of Labor headquarters and was informed that the books were closed and they were accepting no more members at this time.

Mayor Tolson said he had talked several times with Colonel N.F. Jamieson, Personnel Director of the Metropolitan Water District, who had always been very agreeable and cooperative with the City of Torrance.

Engineer Young pointed out that, of the original eight or nine thousand employees, only about twelve hundred are employed at the present time by the Metropolitan Water District, leaving an estimated seven thousand workers who are already eligible to go back to work before any new men are accepted. He said the City of Torrance quota is one percent of the total number of workers on a project, and since there are less than three hundred employed at the Palos Verdes job, and there are three men from Torrance working there, the quota is more than filled.

Attorney McCall reported he had attended a meeting held by Doctor Anderson, representing Governor Olson, and that Doctor Anderson had promised the cooperation of the State Department in efforts to re-open the Torrance Veterans' Cooperative Unit and other units.

Councilman Murray reported that residents on Acacia Avenue south of the Santa Fe railroad tracks have requested installation of a street light near the tracks.

Referred to City Electrician Butterfield for report at the next meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$439.25 be made for 230 barrels road oil, to be paid from the general fund, for street repair. Councilman McGuire seconded

the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$347.67 be made for 196½ tons rock for street repair, to be paid from the general fund. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$33.48 be made for 619 gallons bitumuls for street repair, to be paid from the general fund. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$74.52 be made for 64.60 tons #4 rock for street repair, to be paid from the 1/4-cent Gas Tax Fund. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$71.80 be made for 50 barrels road oil, to be paid from the 1/4-cent Gas Tax Fund. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$165.60, plus sales tax, be made for light reflectors for the Municipal Park. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Action on renewal of the Library Contract for the year 1939-1940 was deferred until the Library Board makes its recommendation on same.

Clerk Bartlett reported Motor Vehicle License Fee collections to date amounting to \$87.77.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that the tree which damaged the automobile of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Bishop at 800 Portola Avenue had been topped. Also, he added that the automobile had been unlawfully parked all night in the street and, therefore, the City of Torrance is not responsible for damages incurred.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk be authorized to purchase one hundred City of Torrance emblems, with the understanding that the changes specified will be made. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$147.05 be made for fittings for the Water Department, Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$70.00 be made for 2 Float Switches for the large tank for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock, seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$154.50 be made for 100 cement meter boxes for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson presented two estimates for excavating the pistol range as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Coy F. Farquhar	\$175.00
P.A. Phoenix	\$150.00

Mayor Tolson moved that Mr. P.A. Phoenix be employed to excavate the new pistol range for an amount not to exceed \$150.00. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Stanger, Manager of the Water Company, again brought up the matter of the request of Joseph W. Venable that the City purchase of the property adjoining the Walteria Fire Station. He pointed out that, even though the drying rack is on City property, Mr. Venable's property is trespassed upon each time hose is put on the rack.

Director of Public Safety Stroh agreed that more ground could be used, stating that moisture from wet hose would gradually deteriorate the building, since quarters are so cramped, the wet hose is very close to the building.

Mr. Stanger announced that, at the time of purchase of the Walteria Fire Station property, Mr. Venable had been assured that the City would purchase the other adjoining lot, as it is only a twenty-five foot lot and would accomodate only a fifteen foot building.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$200.00 be made for purchase of the Joseph W. Venable property adjoining the Walteria Fire Station property. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

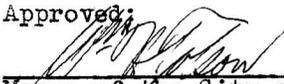
Councilman McGuire moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:45 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned.



 City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance