

Torrance, California
June 27, 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, June 27, 1939 at 7:45P.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 June 13, 1939 be approved as written. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from F.L. Parks, requesting an appropriation of funds for promotion of the Factory Frolic. Councilman McGuire moved the request be referred to the Chamber of Commerce for action. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from O.E. Fossum, secretary of Factory Frolic Committee, requesting use of the Civic Auditorium September 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 and October 1 and 2 for display of exhibits as part of the Factory Frolic program.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this request be referred to the Building Committee. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication addressed to L.J. Young, was read from Richard A. Turner, Attorney, requesting that Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 107, and Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 108, Torrance Tract, be removed from Fire District No. 1.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this request be referred to the Planning Commission for recommendation. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication addressed to L.J. Young, was read from the County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission, calling attention to a public hearing on Wednesday, July 12, 1939 for the purpose of adopting a Master Plan of Street and Highways for the County of Los Angeles.

Councilman Hitchcock moved the communication be filed. No second.

Mayor Tolson appointed Engineer Young to attend the meeting.

A communication was read from Torrance High School, extending thanks for the use of the baseball field during the past baseball season.

A communication was read from the City of Redondo Beach asking the City of Torrance to endorse and urge building of a yacht harbor in the City of Redondo Beach by submitting written endorsements and sending a representative to the hearing scheduled for July 7, 1939.

Engineer Young was authorized to work with L.J. Gilmeister in compiling data for the hearing.

Clerk Bartlett presented a communication from the Associated Assessment Engineers referring to delinquent tax foreclosure procedure.

Mayor Tolson stated Mr. Hyde has been authorized to begin work on the assessment roll.

Councilman Hitchcock moved the matter be referred to Attorney McCall for investigation. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from O.D. Butterfield, City Electrician, recommending an appropriation of not to exceed \$100.00 for the manufacture and installation of an amplifying and speaking system in the Fire and Police Departments similar to the one in use at Compton.

Mayer Tolson moved the matter be referred to the Police Commission for investigation and report at the next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented Resolutions in the following order:

RESOLUTION NO. 1342

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH MENARD & TABERY INC. FOR AUDITORIUM DECORATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1939-40.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1342 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1343

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CONTRACT WITH THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL BAND.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1343 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1344

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1939-40.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1344 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1345

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1939-40.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1345 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1346

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1939-40.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1346 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1347

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR GASOLINE AND OIL FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 1939 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1940.

Councilman Murray moved that Resolution No. 1347 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1348

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 1939-40.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1348 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.

RESOLUTION No. 1349

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, 1939 AND TERMINATING JUNE 30, 1940

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1348 be adopted. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1350

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE TORRANCE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1939-40.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1350 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1351

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 1939-40.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1351 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1352

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LEASE AND AGREEMENT WITH W. E. MORRIS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1939-40 COVERING BASEBALL GROUNDS AND CONCESSIONS.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1352 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1353

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH HARVEY BECKWITH FOR LEASE OF BUILDING AT 2708 CARSON STREET FOR RECREATION PURPOSES.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1353 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1354

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH R. W. NUCKLES FOR LEASE OF BUILDING AT 2415 ARLINGTON AVENUE FOR RECREATION PURPOSES.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1354 be adopted. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1355

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH JAMES LEWIS FOR LEASE OF BUILDING AT 24556 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD, WALTERIA, FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES.

Deferred for discussion and report.

RESOLUTION NO. 1356

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS WITH L.H. BUTCHER COMPANY.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1356 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1357

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1939-40.

Deferred for discussion and report.

RESOLUTION NO. 1358

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH LUTHER ANDREWS FOR COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSITION OF GARBAGE AND TIN CANS FOR THE PERIOD.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1358 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.

Engineer Young presented and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 312

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REGULATING THE ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, ENLARGEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, MOVING, REMOVAL, DEMOLITION, CONVERSION, OCCUPANCY, EQUIPMENT, USE, HEIGHT, AREA AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING AND STRUCTURES IN THE SAID CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS THEREFOR; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Councilman Powell moved further reading of Ordinance No. 312 be suspended. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 312 be adopted for first reading. 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.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1359

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT WITH C.W. HYDE.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1359 be adopted. 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.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$639.54 be made for purchase of 1939 Plymouth Coupe for the Street Department. (Price quoted: \$914.54, less \$275.00 trade-in allowance on Plymouth Coupe). 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 reported that the Engineering Department had investigated the request for improvement of the park located through the center of Madrid Street between Sierra Street and Dominguez Street and had submitted an estimate of \$685.00 for installation of a sprinkling system. He requested an extension of time to study the proposal more thoroughly.

Referred to the Park Department for recommendation at the next meeting.

Councilman McGuire moved that the action of the City Clerk in signing agreement or contract with the State Relief Administra-

tion of California in supplying water service at the Community Garden plot known as "Torrance Plot", Spot No. 9, during the period July 1, 1939 to June 30, 1940 inclusive, be ratified. 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.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$153.00 be made for 110 gallons Drip Fluid for use in the Civic Buildings. 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.

Councilman McGuire moved that the Engineering Department be authorized to prepare plans and estimate of cost of a library building for Walteria, building to conform to tentative plans submitted by Library Board. 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 trustees of the Library Board be re-appointed as follows:

Trustee J.E. Hitchcock, 2 years - July 1, 1939 to June 30, 1941.

Trustee Scott R. Ludlow, 3 years - July 1, 1939 to June 30, 1942.

Trustee Tom F. McGuire, 3 years - July 1, 1939 to June 30 1942.

Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$625.14 be made for purchase of 1939 Chevrolet Sedan for Police Department. (Price quoted: \$1100.14, less trade-in allowance for Plymouth, \$475.00). 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 \$58.50, plus sales tax, be made for used Cardex cabinet for the Police 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 called for report on the request for removal of a sign in Palos Verdes at entrance to Hollywood Riviera. Engineer Young advised it had not been removed as requested. It was decided to give the owner a little more time to comply with instructions, the Police Department to take action unless the sign is removed within a reasonable time.

Clerk Bartlett reported receipts of Motor Vehicle License Fee apportionment for the period January 1 to March 31, 1939 amounting to \$4,759.11.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$547.10 be made for a Safe Cabinet 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. (Price quoted: \$587.10, less \$40.00 trade-in allowance on old safe).

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$210.12 be made for a Ten-drawer Steel Map File 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

\$82.99 be made for 1 steel typewriter flat top desk to replace wooden desk. (Price quoted: \$94.99, less \$12.00 trade-in allowance on old desk). 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 \$71.89 be made for 1 Underwood rebuilt typewriter. (Price quoted: \$81.89, less \$10.00 trade-in allowance on old typewriter). 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.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Kelsey asked that the trees on Madrid Avenue be watered. Referred to the Street Department.

A Mr. Quinn objected strenuously to the fee required for sale of used cars, alleging that the fee is practically prohibitive for individual dealers. He was told the City Council can not show discrimination in cases of this nature and has no other alternative than to enforce the ordinance. It was suggested he confer with the City Attorney.

Councilman Hitchcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. 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.

Mr. J.C. Smith objected to the City Ordinance requiring 4-foot cesspools, claiming that he obtains best results from 30" pools. After a little discussion, the matter was referred to the Engineering Department for investigation.

Mr. Allen asked for improvement of Plaza del Amo, saying the street could be made attractive with a little work.

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


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:


Mayor of the City of Torrance