

Torrance, California
August 8, 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, August 8, 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 and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held July 25, 1939 be approved as written. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from W.C. Bradford, Secretary, City-Wide Improvement Association, advising that said association had gone on record as being in favor of the purchase by the City of Torrance of the Pacific Electric right-of-way on Cabrillo Avenue. Mayor Tolson remarked that no report is ready at this time, in that the 1939 valuation has only recently been received.

A communication, signed by four automobile dealers in the City of Torrance, was read, protesting any proposed change in Ordinance No. 297 governing sale of used automobiles in the City of Torrance. Referred to the Ordinance Committee.

A communication was read from Roberts Public Markets, Inc., requesting that a loading zone be designated either in front or at the side of their retail store at 1281 Sartori for convenience in unloading merchandise from trucks.

Mayor Tolson stated that, at this particular store, there is no alley entrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the Police Department for action. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A copy of a communication from the Department of Public Works was read, establishing the quarterly payment (July, 1939) of the 1/4-cent gas tax allocation for the City of Torrance at \$1,952.23.

Councilman Hitchcock asked that some investigation be made into the expenditure by the State Highway Department on Highway 101, claiming that the amount expended seemed exorbitant in comparison with the amount of work done.

Clerk Bartlett presented a communication from the Metropolitan Water District, inquiring whether or not the City of Torrance elects to pay out of its municipal funds all or any portion of the amount of the Metropolitan Water District tax.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Metropolitan Water District be notified that the City of Torrance does not desire to pay any portion of the District tax out of its funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Charles H. Quandt, of the Quandt Pumping Station regarding a meter box which was burned at the Los Angeles City School in WALTERIA. Mr. Quandt maintained that the City of Torrance was responsible for the damage, claiming that it caught fire when the City burned off the weeds in the parkway. The communication was accompanied with a report from the WALTERIA Fire Department, which report was in conflict with Mr. Quandt's report.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the Water Department to either repair or replace with a new meter. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Engineer Young presented an application for building permit for erection of a service station at 20516 Hawthorne Avenue. He said there is no objection to a service station at this location, but recommended that the structure be placed at least 50 feet from the center of the highway to allow for widening.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted, provided all requirements of the Engineering Department are complied with. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$325.48 be made for 185 loads pavement base for improvement of Lomita Boulevard. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$241.45 be made for 98.85 tons sand and 15 tons rock for street repair. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$105.53 be made for repairs of #7 Truck, Street Department. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1361

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR ASSIGNMENT OF RELIEF WORKERS WITH THE STATE RELIEF ADMINISTRATION.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1361 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Councilman McGuire read the valuation of the City of Torrance as set up by the County of Los Angeles as follows:

<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>
Tax District #1: \$9,484,850.00	Tax District #1: \$9,039,810.00
Tax District #2: 11,015,250.00	Tax District #2: 12,171,245.00

Clerk Bartlett presented Emergency Ordinance No. 313 and read title to as follows.

ORDINANCE NO. 313

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
FIXING THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1,
1939.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 313 be suspended. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman McGuire moved that Emergency Ordinance No. 313 be

adopted for first reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$98.00 plus sales tax, be made for 7 #123 and 3 #124 Taylor light globes. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Engineer Young asked for more time to work on the new fire zone ordinance before presenting it.

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

At 8:05 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned to August 15, 1939 at 7:45 P.M.

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

Approved:

M. J. Tolson
Mayor of the City of Torrance