

Torrance, California  
September 13, 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, September 12, 1939 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilman: Hitchcock,

Councilman Murray moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held August 22, 1939, an Adjourned Meeting held August 23, 1939 and of an Adjourned Meeting of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held August 29, 1939 be approved as written. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Union Oil Company of California, reporting franchise receipts arising from the use, operation and possession of Franchise Ordinance No. 1010 in the amount of \$50.61.

A communication was read from the City-Wide Improvement Association requesting that estimates be prepared by the City Engineer covering cost of a sewer system in the area west of Cedar Avenue known as Vista Highlands, and an estimate covering cost of sewers, curbs and the surfacing of the streets with a rock and oil type of pavement similar to that on Beech and Acacia Streets. Referred to the Engineering Department.

A communication was read from the WALTERIA Civic Association, expressing gratitude for the recent installation of three street lights in WALTERIA.

A communication was read from the WALTERIA Civic Association, relative to the opening of Park Street from 240th to 242nd Street.

Referred to the City Engineer and Street Department for recommendation at the next meeting.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting approval of action taken by the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce in appropriating an additional \$250.00 to the Torrance Factory Frolic Committee for its forthcoming activity to be held September 28, 29, 30, 1939.

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

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting that the services of the Torrance Municipal Band be made available for three appearances during the Torrance Factory Frolic to be held September 28, 29, 30, 1939.

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

A communication was read from Reverend M.E. Nicholls of the Foursquare Gospel Church of Torrance, advising that Mr. Stanger had offered for sale either lot 15 or 16, Block 52, Torrance Tract (Water Department property) upon which it is proposed to erect a church building. It was requested that the property in question be zoned for this purpose, to which Mr. McGuire stated the property is zoned for such purposes at the present time.

The matter was deferred until the next meeting.

A communication was read from J.E. McMaster, Fire Chief, recommending that fire hydrants be installed at the following locations: One on the corner of Dominguez Street and Sartori Avenue; one on the corner of Alley and Beech Street, between Torrance Boulevard and Eldorado; one on the corner of Alley and Acacia Street between Torrance Boulevard and Eldorado.

Councilman McGuire moved that this be referred to the Water Department for recommendation. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Five petitions were presented, bearing signatures of fifty-two clerks, managers and owners of retail food stores of the City of Torrance, together with a suggested ordinance regulating the hours of retail food stores, and petitioning the City Council to adopt said ordinance. Referred to the Ordinance Committee for recommendation at the next meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock appeared at this time (7:56 P.M.)

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1362

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING DEED FROM HUNTINGTON REDONDO COMPANY FOR STREET PURPOSES, COVERING A PART OF LOTS 9, 18 AND 21 IN BLOCK "F", TRACT 10300.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1362 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.

Engineer Young presented and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 314

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND CREATING AND ESTABLISHING FIRE ZONES.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 314 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.

Councilman Murray moved that the Clerk be instructed to notify the Pacific Electric Railway Company that their terms with reference to purchase of Cabrillo Avenue right-of-way are acceptable if and when their deed is placed in escrow. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. NO VOTE: COUNCILMAN: Hitchcock, ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Councilman Hitchcock stated the matter had not been thoroughly explained and that it is his opinion the price is too high.

Councilman McGuire announced a Planning Commission meeting held September 12, 1939 and said the next meeting scheduled is September 25, 1939.

Councilman McGuire moved that \$50,000.00 be transferred from the Water Department Fund to the City of Torrance General Fund. 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 \$225.00, plus sales tax, be made for one Ross valve for the fire engine. 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 not to exceed \$375.00, plus sales tax, be made for 3 windshields for fire trucks and \$10.00 for installation. 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 \$50.00 be made to defray expenses for the Fire Chief to attend the Fire Chief's Convention at San Francisco. 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 read a communication from J.H. Stroh, Director of Public Safety, advising that Mr. White of the White Manufacturing Company, Redondo Avenue, McDonald Tract, will install a fire hydrant on his premises if the City will pay a certain monthly rental for its use. It was recommended that the City pay \$1.50 per month for rental of the hydrant, which can be used for protection of nine residences and the White factory.

Mayor Tolson moved that the City pay a rental fee of \$1.50 per month for a fire hydrant to be installed by Mr. White on his premises. 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 \$224.72 be made for a new adding machine for the Water Department. The price was quoted as follows: Sale price, \$400.00 - less discount and trade-in allowance, \$185.00 - plus sales tax based on \$324.00, \$9.72. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, the roll call vote being as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Tolson, and Murray. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, and Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The matter was referred to Mr. Stanger, Manager of the Water Company, to clarify the figures.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATION

Attorney Albert Isen expressed approval of the Council's

action with respect to the Cabrillo Avenue right-of-way matter, adding that he feels it is a step forward in the betterment and advancement of the City.

Councilman McGuire moved that 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 8:17 P.M., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.

  
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City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance.