

Torrance, California  
March 26, 1940

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, March 26, 1940 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: Councilman: Murray.

Councilman Powell moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held March 12, 1940 be approved as written. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Councilman John V. Murray, requesting a thirty day leave of absence due to poor health, said leave to begin March 26, 1940. A statement from A. F. Stevenson, physician, was attached.

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

A communication was read from James Lewis, owner of the Walteria Library building, stating his intention to paint and repair the building.

A communication was read from Mrs. Dorothy S. George, 704 Madrid Avenue, requesting removal of a pine tree from the premises at 704 Madrid Avenue.

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

A communication was read from the Walteria Civic Organization, stating that tin can and garbage collections are not made regularly in Walteria. Referred to the Street Department for investigation.

A communication was read from W. W. Quinn, 1405 Border Avenue, requesting that the Ordinance Committee assemble for the purpose of discussing Ordinance No. 297 pertaining to the licensing of the used car business. Referred to the Ordinance Committee.

A communication was read from Otis M. Hunt and Wayne De Mont, requesting a franchise for extending a pipe line for transmission of crude oil through certain streets. Engineer Young explained that Mr. Hunt and Mr. De Mont operate a dehydrating plant, the purpose of the pipe line requested being to connect with the Union Oil Company. Mayor Tolson said that the business operations of the company have been suspended temporarily awaiting decision of the council regarding this request. There was a short discussion regarding granting of the franchise, Councilman Powell expressing the opinion that a definite period of time should be specified, which, he said, was not done in the request.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request to lay the pipe line be granted without the franchise, further discussion of the franchise to be resumed at a later date; certain provisions to be stipulated by Engineer Young in the permit. 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: COUNCILMAN: Murray.

A communication was read from the Columbia Steel Company, requesting a survey of the area at the foot of Cravens Avenue at the Columbia Steel Company's main office with the purpose of improving the drainage situation. The communication was signed by E. R. Kelso, Works Engineer. Mr. Young said quite an intensive survey will be required to ascertain what is required to remedy the condition. The City Engineer was instructed to make the survey, cost to be kept to a minimum.

A communication was read from the City of Palos Verdes Estates requesting a time and place to meet with the Torrance City Council for discussion of several problems, among them being improvement of certain streets, fire protection and transportation. Mayor Tolson was authorized to arrange a meeting date for some time in the near future.

A communication was read from the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles, advising that, as a result of the meeting held March 21, 1940, the Board is not willing to grant a permit to Asbury Transit System of the City of Torrance for operation of a motor coach service from Torrance to 945 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, unless operation over that portion of their proposed route north of Imperial Highway is restricted against pick-up and discharge of patrons between Imperial Highway and Olympic and Hill Streets. It was added that the applications had been deferred for 15 days to give applicants an opportunity to file amended applications.

Attorney McCall recommended that the City of Torrance not file an amended application, contending that the City of Los Angeles Board of Utilities and Transportation has no authority over municipalities in the operation of busses except to designate route. Mr. McCall suggested that the matter be given careful consideration and that another meeting be held before action is taken, which was agreed upon.

Clerk Bartlett presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 1382

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ERECT BOULEVARD  
STOP SIGNS.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1382 be adopted. 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: Murray.

Clerk Bartlett reported receipt of the revised street lighting rate schedules of the Southern California Edison Company, Ltd. to become effective May 1, 1940.

Upon Councilman Powell's inquiry as to what the Police Commission had done regarding the complaint of Clifford King that Chief Stroh and two deputy sheriffs had entered his place of business, known as King's Cafe, 1646 Cabrillo Avenue, Councilman McGuire moved that Mr. King be requested to meet with the City Council and Chief Stroh at some time convenient for him (Mr. King) for hearing both sides of the matter. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that repair to Neece Avenue from Newton Street to Highway 101 in Walteria is scheduled to begin about April 1, 1940.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$100.00 be made for material and equipment for repairs to street lights on Torrance Boulevard. 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: COUNCILMAN: Murray.

Mayor Tolson reported he had received a request from the Alondra Park Tax Payers' Bond Refunding Committee for an appropriation of \$100.00 to help defray expenses of the bond refunding program. He explained that the three interested cities and the country territory concerned with this matter have all received a similar request.

Councilman Powell questioned the legality of an appropriation of this nature, to which Attorney McCall replied that, offhand, he felt the appropriation could legally be made.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. 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: Murray.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$840.00, plus sales tax, be made for the purchase of 700 feet 2-1/2" fire hose to replace 700 feet of 2-1/2" fire hose which does not pass the test of the underwriters.

Councilman Hitchcock asked whether the purchase is to be made through a local company. Mayor Tolson said that decision rests with the Council.

Councilman Powell suggested that bids should be advertised for, to which Mayor Tolson replied that, inasmuch as the hose purchase is a replacement, bids are not necessary. Councilman McGuire added that prices had been obtained from all companies manufacturing fire hose and that the price of \$1.20 per foot had been quoted by each company.

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

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Mayor and City Council be authorized to attend the League of California Cities Meeting at Fresno March 28 and 29, 1940, expenses 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: COUNCILMAN: Murray.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Albert Isen, Attorney, requested that the doors of the fire house be left open at all times. Mayor Tolson said he would speak to the Fire Chief and determine whether or not the doors are kept closed for any specific reason. He added that the Fire Chief should be allowed to decide on the matter.

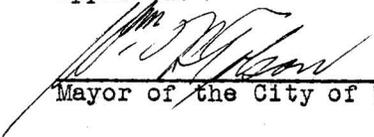
Clerk Bartlett announced the next regular meeting for Wednesday, April 10, 1940, since April 9, 1940, date of the next regular meeting, falls on Election Day.

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

At 8:35 P.M., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned to April 2, 1940 at 4:30 P.M. (Purpose: discussion of the transportation matter).

  
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City Clerk of the City of Torrance

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Mayor of the City of Torrance