

Torrance, California
April 10, 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 Wednesday evening, April 10, 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, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held March 26, 1940 and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held April 2, 1940 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the California Safety Council, Inc., extending an invitation to the Mayor and City Council to attend a City Awards Luncheon April 19, 1940 at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles. Those desiring to attend the luncheon were requested to notify Clerk Bartlett.

A communication was read from the Torrance High Alumni Association, requesting free use of the Civic Auditorium April 17, 1940 for the purpose of holding a card party.

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

A communication addressed to Chief Stroh from the Department of Police, Los Angeles, was read, together with a copy of a communication sent recently to the radio program "Traffic Tribunal", requesting that a sodium light be placed at the intersection of Hawthorne Avenue and Torrance Boulevard.

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

A communication was read from the Bert S. Crossland Post #170 of the American Legion, requesting permission to sell fireworks at Carson Street and Cabrillo Avenue and Arlington Avenue and Torrance Boulevard.

Clerk Bartlett stated that it will be necessary to take steps to regulate sale of fireworks since the State of California has passed a law pertaining to sale of same.

After a little discussion, Councilman Powell moved that the matter be referred to the City Attorney for investigation and recommendation. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Ardis B. Stagner and Joseph Sake, requesting abandonment of a 12-1/2' strip of land on the front of Lots 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32, Block 16, Walteria Tract.

Engineer Young stated that the boundary line of Newton Street is very irregular, due to past proceedings in which different parcels of land have been deeded to the City of Torrance and then vacated, the result being that the street is of various different widths. Engineer Young recommended that vacation proceedings be started and that, inasmuch as the interested persons are desirous of beginning the building of a house immediately, they be granted a building permit and be allowed to build the house twenty feet back from the front of the property line as it will be after vacation proceedings are completed.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Engineer Young's recommendation be complied with. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wolcott, 1634 Elm Avenue, requesting removal of a eucalyptus tree to facilitate construction of a concrete walk.

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

Clerk Bartlett reported receipt of franchise earnings from the Richfield Oil Company in the amount of \$106.27, Ordinance No. 92 for the period January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939.

A copy of a communication was read from the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation, addressed to the Asbury Rapid Transit System, Inc., advising that the Board adopted a motion amending resolution set forth in communication addressed to the Railroad Commission and interested parties dated March 21, 1940, to give the Asbury Rapid Transit System and the City of Torrance, or either of them, an opportunity to file an amended application within five days after receipt by the Board of the decision of the Railroad Commission in this matter.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting an appropriation of \$20.00 to defray costs of the appearance of six members of the Torrance High School Madrigal Singers at the Musical Educators National Conference, March 30 to April 5, 1940, the request having been presented to the Chamber by Mrs. Marjorie Cooke, Director of Music for Torrance High School.

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

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting an appropriation of not to exceed \$3,500.00 for the purpose of industrial promotion be made.

Clerk Bartlett presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 1383

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING ASIDE FROM THE ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION FUND THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED (\$3,500.00) DOLLARS FOR EXPENSES OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1383 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 reported that Miss Vogleson, County Librarian, had been contacted regarding the Walteria Library building to determine the library arrangement which will most satisfactorily serve Walteria. He added that a meeting with Miss Vogleson has been arranged for the near future for discussion of the matter.

Councilman Hitchcock reported he had investigated the request of Mrs. George for removal of a tree at 704 Madrid Avenue, and recommended that the tree not be removed. He said that the lawns at nearby residences, with similar trees, seem to be thriving and that to remove the tree would disrupt the street planning. He suggested, however, that the tree be viewed by the entire council before taking action, which was agreed upon, a report to be made at the next regular meeting.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$128.75 be made for 100 3/4" cement meter boxes for the Water Department. 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.

Clerk Bartlett was requested to ascertain the dates of Council meetings of the City of Palos Verdes Estates and arrange a date for a meeting with the Torrance City Council for discussion of various problems as requested by Mayor Roessler in his letter of March 13, 1940.

The question arose as to whether Clifford King had been notified of the Adjourned Regular Meeting held April 2, 1940. Mr. Bartlett stated that Mr. King had called at the office and asked his advice in the matter and that he (Mr. Bartlett) had advised Mr. King against pressing the matter further, contending that Mr. King could not profit thereby. He said he had offered the advice as a friendly gesture, having known Mr. King for many years, but added that he had no personal interest in the matter. He stated Mr. King had said he would drop the matter until after the election.

Clerk Bartlett was instructed to notify Mr. King and Chief Stroh of the next regular meeting April 23, 1940, or to arrange a

meeting date at any time convenient for Mr. King and Chief Stroh.

Mayor Tolson reported that Mr. Warren of the County Sanitation District had notified him that plans are near completion for the proposed construction of sewers in the Vista Highlands District, the W.P.A. to furnish all material and labor.

Engineer Young stated that a new law has recently been enacted whereby the Sanitation District has the power to construct sewers in any City without the consent of the governing body, and to assess the property therefor. He said the County Surveyor's Office is greatly concerned with this new law and suggested that serious study be given it before taking any action regarding construction of sewers.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer and City Attorney be authorized to study the bill very carefully and investigate the matter of the proposed construction of sewers in Vista Highlands District, a detailed report to be rendered as to cost of construction of sewers. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Jack Isen inquired how long the barricade will remain in front of the building on Cabrillo, maintaining that it occupies such a large portion of the sidewalk that persons cannot walk comfortably by the building. Engineer Young said the owner has expressed his intention to rehabilitate the building in the near future, and that if this is not started soon, other steps will be taken.

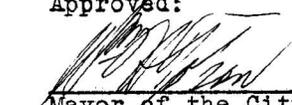
Councilman McGuire moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:30 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned to April 15, 1940 at 7:45 P.M.



 City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance