

Torrance, California.
January 14, 1936.

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 Chambers, Torrance, California, Tuesday, January 14, 1936.

Mayor Ludlow called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being: Councilmen: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow.
Absent: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting held December 27, 1935, the minutes of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned regular meeting held January 2, 1936, the minutes of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned regular meeting held January 6, 1936, and the minutes of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned regular meeting held January 10, 1936, be approved as written. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the City of Huntington Park calling attention to meeting of League of California Municipalities to be held Thursday, January 16, at 6:30 P.M., the subject to be a continuation of the discussion of traffic safety measures, also the question of damage suits against municipalities for minor injuries.

Communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce regarding discussion of city charter at meeting Tuesday evening, January 21; Mr. C. J. Rambo to speak.

Invitation to Tax Equalization dinner conference at Santa Anita Inn, Arcadia, Tuesday evening, January 21, 1936.

Letter from the Health Department of Los Angeles County re new law providing that the County Health Officer enforce and observe all orders, quarantine regulations and rules prescribed by the State Board of Health and all statutes relating to the public health and vital statistics, without cost to the city. It was stated that a resolution in this connection should be filed on or before March 1, 1936. This matter was referred to the City Attorney to report back later in the meeting.

Communication from League of California Municipalities setting forth charges for dues for the current year, in the amount of \$125.

Upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Stanger, this appropriation of \$125.00 was made; the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Communication from Pan American Petroleum Company, complying with Ordinance No. 92 of the City of Torrance, advising that no pipe lines were laid or removed in the City of Torrance between July 1, 1935 and December 31, 1935.

Two similar communications were received from the Union Oil Company.

Communication from the children of the Walteria School, expressing gratitude to the City Council for the Christmas party.

Communication applying for permission to open an amateur boxing club in Torrance, from Jack Perry. This matter was referred to Councilman Stanger for investigation.

Communication from Mr. Deplaris requesting permission to open and operate a pool hall at 1650 Carson Street. Upon motion of Councilman Klusman, seconded by Councilman Tolson, this request was referred to Police Commissioner Stanger.

Communication from Business people on Marcelina Street, voicing disapproval of Ordinance No. 275 regarding parking.

Attorney Rippe presented and read in full for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 277

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING
SUBDIVISION "E" OF SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO.
275, AND PROVIDING FOR 45° PARKING ON MARCELINA
STREET BETWEEN SARTORI AVENUE AND CRAVENS AVENUE

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 277 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 277 be approved for first reading. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Communication from O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers, inclosing corrected preliminary opinions, showing correct interest rate on building bonds and public hall bonds, submitted as a matter of record.

Communication from Taylor & Taylor, consulting engineers, referring to tests made to determine the safe bearing power of soil of the grade prepared for the erection of the storage tank. In this connection Engineer Leonard reported that he had investigated the matter and there was no question as to the safety of the foundation.

Communication from Pacific Electric Railway Company referring to the drainage problem at Cabrillo and Carson, approving of the project, with certain provisions.

Upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Stanger, the letter, with its conditions, was approved, and the Mayor was authorized to execute the copy of the letter.

Communication from Mr. F.R. Haig with reference to business license ordinance, suggesting changes in the present ordinance and objecting to payment of the license. Councilman Stanger moved that the letter be referred to the Ordinance Committee for investigation and report. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

Two reports from C.J. Rambo, auditor, giving summary of revenue and expenses showing percentage due Associated Public Utilities Corporation covering the operations of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, for the quarter ended September 30, 1935, and for the month of October, 1935.

Engineer Leonard stated that the reports were O. K., and he reported that \$573.68 is being deducted from the amount due Associated Public Utilities Corporation for pipe in shoe string strip.

Councilman Stanger moved that the City Engineer be authorized to write Associated Public Utilities Corporation regarding this matter and tendering a check for the difference between the amount of revenue and the value of the pipe. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Insurance estimates of fire insurance rates on the proposed municipal buildings were referred to the Finance Committee. The Clerk was instructed to notify insurance brokers who had submitted estimates that changes had been made in some of the plans.

Three communications from Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, dated January 13, 1936, approving contract documents of Petley and Matcham covering the three proposed municipal buildings and recommending award of contracts.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 813

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH
PETLEY AND MATCHAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC
LIBRARY BUILDING (PWA DOCKET 1175R)

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 813 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 814

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH
PETLEY AND MATCHAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CITY HALL
AND JAIL BUILDING (PWA DOCKET 1176 R)

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 814 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 815

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH
PETLEY AND MATCHAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ASSEMBLY
HALL BUILDING (PWA DOCKET 1174 R)

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 815 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented a statement from Chicago Bridge & Iron Works for \$1080.00.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 816

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PARTIAL PAYMENT OF \$1080.00
TO CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON WORKS

Councilman Tolson moved that Ordinance No. 816 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Clerk Bartlett reported that the bonds in the amount of \$85,000.00 had been deposited in the Bank of America, and that the accrued interest amounted to \$831.88 and the premium was \$96.80.

Attorney Rippy reported that the papers had been sent to the title company for recording on the assembly hall lots, and that title search had been ordered on the library lots.

Clerk Bartlett reported that there is an opportunity to buy several hundred collapsible chairs at 25¢ each.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that a committee including Mr. Bartlett be appointed to investigate the chairs and, if satisfactory, to purchase not to exceed 400. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Mayor Ludlow appointed Clerk Bartlett and Councilmen Hitchcock and Stanger.

Councilman Hitchcock requested the City Engineer to report on the Cedar Avenue and Cabrillo Avenue improvements.

Engineer Leonard reported that the appropriation was passed by the Board of Supervisors to start work on Cedar Avenue.

On Cabrillo Avenue he reported that there is enough government money to complete the resurfacing and the paving of the 16-foot strip, also the building of the curb, except that about \$600.00 will be appropriated from the amount set aside by Supervisor Quinn.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that he believed that since W.P.A. money was being used for Cabrillo Avenue, the amount appropriated for this purpose should be used for the improvement of other streets.

Engineer Leonard reported that the project covering the extension of Cabrillo Avenue to Sepulveda Boulevard and the sewer project had both been sent to the San Francisco W.P.A. office, but no report has yet been received. He was requested to ascertain if these two matters had been forwarded to Washington.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that several requests had been received to paint white stripes in the middle of the boulevards, due to difficult driving in the fog.

Engineer Leonard stated that if the State does the painting on State highways, the cost to the City is about three times as great as if done by the City itself.

After considerable discussion, it was decided that this matter should be taken care of at once.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$200.00 be transferred from the unallocated funds to the Police Dept. Fund for the purpose of having white stripes painted on necessary boulevards. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

The City Engineer was requested to see that this work was started at once, and also to request the State to pay for the paint used on the State Highway.

Clerk Bartlett stated that no further report had been received from the General Petroleum Corp. on the question of furnishing gasoline during the construction of the new jail building.

Councilman Stanger reported that the Police Department had moved to its new temporary location at 1339 Post Avenue and that the old building was ready to be razed.

Councilman Tolson reported that the Recreation Department will be under way in a week or two, and that there will be representatives both in Torrance and WALTERIA.

Mayor Ludlow made a brief report on the sewer meeting attended this date.

The question of painting the lamp posts with aluminum paint was discussed favorably, but it was decided to wait until further funds are in the account.

Clerk Bartlett was instructed to have Inspector Butterfield see if the lamp posts are becoming rusted and to report at the next meeting. He was also asked to report on the probable cost of installing yellow sodium lights at dangerous corners.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 817

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONSENTING TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ENFORCING AND OBSERVING ALL ORDERS, QUARANTINE REGULATIONS AND RULES PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AND ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND VITAL STATISTICS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 817 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following

roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Councilman Stanger moved that warrants be drawn and all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Upon motion of Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Stanger, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

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

Approved:

J. R. Ludlow
Mayor of the City of Torrance.