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 istration of the schools, and for the regulation and conduct of the officers, teachers and other employees thereof, and for the conduct of the school system.

Section 6. Meetings—Quorum:

The Board of Education shall hold regular meetings at least once every two weeks, and special meetings at such times as shall be prescribed by the rules of said board. A majority of the members of said Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum be present. The meetings of the Board of Education shall be public, and its records shall be open to public inspection.

Section 7. Powers of the Board of Education:

The Board of Education shall have the active control and management of the schools in the Torrance School District. The powers and duties of such Board of Education are and shall be such as are now, hereafter, provided by the Constitution and laws of the State of California.

Section 8. Powers and Duties of City Council:

In aid, furtherance and promotion of the public school system of the State of California, the City Council may include in the annual tax levy and/or budget adopted by it as in this Charter provided, a sum not to exceed in all three cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of property in the City taxable for municipal purposes, for any and/or all of the following purposes, to-wit:

- (1) The acquisition of school lots or property of any character.
- (2) The construction, acquisition and/or insuring of one or more school buildings.
- (3) The making of alterations or additions to any school building or buildings in the City.
- (4) The repairing, restoring or rebuilding of any school building in the City damaged, injured or destroyed by fire or other public calamity.
- (5) The supplying of school buildings with furniture or other necessary apparatus.
- (6) The improving of school grounds.
- (7) The acquisition of any athletic or other school apparatus, equipment, or supplies.
- (8) The liquidation of any indebtedness already incurred for the purposes hereinbefore expressed.
- (9) The liquidation of any outstanding valid indebtedness of the Torrance School District, evidenced by bonds or warrants thereof.

Section 9. Finance of School Pending District Organization:

After this Charter becomes effective, and pending the assessment and collection of the necessary taxes from the School District or Districts of and/or within the City of Torrance for the operation, maintenance and expansion of said schools, the City Council may issue short term notes, registered warrants, and/or other evidences of indebtedness, to cover such expense and/or investment and/or may include the estimated amount thereof in the annual tax levy provided for in this Charter; all of said sums so advanced to said District or Districts to be repaid out of the first taxes collected by said District or Districts and/or from the proceeds of bonds sold by said District or Districts for said purposes.

ARTICLE XXXIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1. City Equipment:

The City may furnish all officers and employees thereof such equipment, tools, instruments, records and other supplies required to properly discharge their duties as such City officers and employees.

Section 2. Delivery of Records to Successors:

All officers, boards, commissions or employees shall deliver immediately, upon the election or appointment of their successors, all papers, books, documents, records, archives, and other properties pertaining to their respective offices, departments or employments which are in their possession, or of which they had charge.

Section 3. Records Open for Inspection:

All books and records of every office and department of the City shall be open to the inspection of any citizen, subject to proper rules and regulations for the efficient conduct of the business of such department or office, excepting only the books, records and papers of the Police Department, the Health Department and the office or department of the City Attorney, none of which shall be subject to such inspection, except by permission of the officer or head of such department, or by special permission of the City Council.

Section 4. City Prisoners, Employment of:

Enforced labor without compensation, as a punishment for the commission of public offenses is prohibited. Such compensation shall not exceed two dollars (\$2.00) a day.

Section 5. Pensions:

No pensions of any kind shall be awarded or paid to any active or retired City official or employee, including any member of the Police or Fire department, unless authorized by an initiative ordinance adopted by the electors of the City.

Section 6. Women Employees:

Nothing in this Charter shall be construed as prohibiting the election or appointment of women to any office or position or a member of any board or commission, where sex does not actually disqualify; and the words used in this Charter in the masculine gender shall include the feminine, and there shall be no discrimination in selection or compensation, on account of sex.

Section 7. Subpoenas—Oaths Administered:

(a) Every elective officer and every chief appointed official including all heads of departments and members of boards and commissions, provided for in this Charter, or by ordinance, shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations, and every such department, board and/or commission shall have power to issue subpoenas, to compel by subpoena the production of books, papers and documents, and to take and hear testimony concerning any matter or thing pending before such department, board or commission.

(b) If any person so subpoenaed neglects or refuses to appear, or to produce any book, paper or document, as required by such subpoena, or shall refuse to testify before any such department, board or commission, or to answer any question which a majority of any such body shall decide to be proper or pertinent, he shall be deemed in contempt, and any such department, board or commission shall have the power to take the proceedings in respect thereto provided by the general laws of the State, or by ordinance. The Chief of Police must, on request of any member of such department, board or commission, detail a police officer or officers to serve such subpoena.

Section 8. Penalty for Official Misconduct:

Any person discharged from the service of the City by reason of drunkenness, incompetence, disorderly conduct, or conviction of a felony, shall forfeit his office, and shall be forever after debarred and disqualified from being elected, appointed or employed in the service of the City.

Section 9. Reservation of Rights:

The adoption of this Charter shall not affect any right accruing or accrued, or any suit, prosecution, or other

legal proceeding pending at the time when it shall take effect as herein provided, and no penalty, fine, sentence, or forfeiture previously incurred or imposed shall be affected thereby.

Section 10. City Officers and Employees:

(a) Contributions Prohibited:
 No elective or appointive officer or employee of the City shall give, or promise to give, to any person any portion of his compensation, or any money or thing of value in consideration of having been, or of being nominated, appointed, voted for, or elected to any office or employment.

(b) Soliciting Donations Prohibited:
 No elective or appointive officer or employee shall solicit or accept any donation, money, or other thing of value, either directly or indirectly, from any subordinate officer or employee, or from any candidate or applicant for any position as employee, in any department or division of the government.

(c) Payment, etc., of Unauthorized Claims:
 Every elective or appointive officer who shall approve, allow, or pay any demand on the Treasury or any fund of the City not authorized by law and/or as herein provided, shall be liable to the City individually and on his official bond for the amount of the demand so approved, allowed, or paid.

(d) Penalties for Violations:
 Any person violating any of the provisions of Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of this Section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine not to exceed \$500.00 or imprisonment in the City or County Jail for a period not to exceed six months or both such fine and imprisonment, and upon such conviction shall thereupon be automatically removed from office, and forever debarred from holding any office or employment in the service of the City of Torrance.

(e) Resignation of City Officers:
 No candidate for any City office, whether elective or appointive, nor any applicant for any employment by the City, shall be required to tender his resignation in writing or otherwise to any other person at, or prior to, his appointment and qualification, and no resignation in writing or otherwise, shall be valid or binding unless filed within three days from and after the execution thereof, in the office of the City Clerk.

(f) Vacations and Vacancies:
 All elective and appointive officers, and salaried employees of the City after serving at least one year as such, shall be entitled to two weeks vacation annually, the time of such vacation to be fixed by the head of the department or other division of the government wherein such officer or appointee is serving, and such vacation shall be without loss of pay. If any such officer of the City shall remove from the City or absent himself therefrom for more than sixty consecutive days without the permission of the Mayor, or if he shall fail to qualify by taking the oath of office and filing his official bond whenever such oath or bond is required, within fifteen days from the time his certificate of election or appointment is mailed or delivered to him, or he is otherwise notified of his election or appointment, or if he shall resign, or if he shall be finally convicted of a felony, or if he shall be adjudged insane, his office shall be vacant.

(g) Bonds of Officers:
 Any officer or employee of the City charged with the collection, or custody of public money before entering upon the discharge of his official duties, shall give and execute to the city an official bond, and all other officers or employees shall give such official bond as may be required by this Charter or ordinance.

The City Council shall, where not otherwise prescribed by law, fix by ordinance the penal sum of all official bonds, and may at any time by ordinance increase or decrease the penal sum of any and all such bonds. Every bond given to the City shall be subject to approval by the Mayor as to sufficiency, and by the City Attorney as to form. All such bonds shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk, excepting the bond of such clerk, which shall be filed in the office of the City Treasurer. Every such bond shall contain a condition that the principal will perform all official duties imposed upon or required of him by law, or by ordinance of said City, or by this Charter, and that at the expiration of his term of office he will surrender to his successor all property, books, papers and documents that may come into his possession as such. The premium for all such bonds shall be paid by the City.

Section 11. Official Publications:
 As soon as practical after the first of July of each year, the City Council shall insert one notice in a newspaper of general circulation published and printed in the City of Torrance calling for sealed bids covering the cost of all official publications for the ensuing year. Such cost shall be based on the space used in such newspaper. The City Council shall award a contract for said publications to the lowest responsible bidder. No contract regarding official publications shall be awarded to any newspaper except a newspaper of general circulation and authorized under the laws of the State of California to publish ordinances, resolutions and other legal notices of municipalities, and the newspaper to which such contract is awarded shall be the official newspaper of the City for such year. Whenever publication is required by this Charter, it shall mean one insertion in the official newspaper of the City, unless a greater number of insertions is specifically required.

Section 12. Negligence:
 The City of Torrance shall not be liable, nor shall any department or division of the government of such City, be liable, to any person, firm, or corporation, for personal injuries, or the death of any person, resulting from its negligence, or that of any of its departments, boards, commissions, or other divisions of the City government, or any of its officers, agents, or employees, where such negligence occurs when said City is exercising any power in connection with and/or jurisdiction over any municipal affair and/or when said City is exercising any of its governmental functions under the general law or this Charter. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the liability of the City under any workmen's compensation act or acts, or any amendments thereto, of the State of California, nor to impose a liability upon said City where none exists under the general laws of said State. Actions for personal injury or death can be maintained only by residents of California and/or such resident heirs at law.

Section 13. Definitions:
 Unless the context otherwise requires, the words and phrases following shall mean and/or include:
 "Charter" means the Charter of the City of Torrance, and all amendments thereto; "City" means the City of Torrance, California; "Council" or "City Council" means the City Council of the City of Torrance, California; "Clerk" or "City Clerk" means the City Clerk of said City of Torrance; "General Supplies" means any personal property purchased by the City of Torrance; "Assistants and employees" includes all persons employed in any department or division of the government except the head or chiefs thereof; "Subordinate officers and employees" includes all officers

and employees of the Police Department except the Chief of Police; "Bonded indebtedness" means indebtedness of the City of Torrance or any district thereof, and the proportionate part of the indebtedness payable by the City of any district of which said City is a part, evidenced by bonds issued in pursuance of authority contained in the general laws of the State of California, and/or authorization of the electors of the City of Torrance or any such district at an election called for such purpose but excluding special assessment bonds; "Grant" or "Grants" includes franchises, and renewals, extensions, amendments and/or additions thereto, and "public work or improvement," "public work," "public improvement" and/or "public work and improvement" includes anything done by the City of Torrance under authorization of the electors, or ordinance, resolution or order of the legislative body of such city, or under any contract, agreement or order of any executive department or other division of the government of said City, and/or any officer thereof, which involves the expenditure of municipal funds (but not proceeds of general municipal or district bonds), either directly or indirectly, for labor and/or material, except printing, and publications of every nature, and particularly includes, the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, repair and/or alteration of any public property, buildings, streets, highways, public ways, alleys, lanes and boulevards. "Public Ways" shall include all rights of way for any public use or purpose, as well as streets, alleys, lanes, boulevards and public highways. The word "maintenance," when used in connection with any street, alley, highway or any other public way shall include the repair, replacement, inspection, cleaning, watering of shrubbery and trees, erection of necessary warning signs or notices, the painting of all lamp posts, and/or standards and replacements of any and all lighting facilities within such streets, alleys or other public ways and any "incidental expenses" incurred in connection therewith as herein defined. Whenever in this Charter reference is made to "Incidental Expense" or "Incidental Expenses" such term shall refer to, and include all costs and expenses of every nature incurred in connection with any public improvement; all costs of printing, publishing, posting, and all expense otherwise incurred in compliance with the General Laws, provisions of City Ordinances, or of this Charter, also all costs of making reports and furnishing assessments for any work authorized by any action of the Legislative Body of the City, together with all court and other legal expense incurred by the City or by any municipal district of the City or of which it is a part in connection with any improvement or work ordered, done or made.

Section 14. Headings and Captions:

Headings and captions used in this Charter are hereby declared to be for no other purpose than the convenient indication of the general subject matter of the provisions which follow, and they shall not be considered or construed in connection with the text of this Charter in any way so as to alter or modify the meaning or intent of the provisions of this Charter, as such meaning or intent would be determined by such headings and captions were not used.

Section 15. Constitutionality:

(a) This Charter and all of its provisions shall be liberally construed to the end that the purposes hereof may be made effective. If any article, section, sub-section, subdivision, sentence, clause or phrase of this Charter is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity or force of the remaining portions of this Charter.

(b) The people of the City of Torrance do hereby declare that they would have approved, ratified and adopted this Charter, irrespective of the fact that any one or more article, section, sub-section, subdivision, sentence, clause or phrase thereof be declared unconstitutional, and the Legislature of the State of California does hereby declare that it would have approved this Charter and each article, section, sub-section, subdivision, sentence, clause or phrase herein irrespective of the fact that any one or more article, section, sub-section, subdivision, sentence, clause or phrase hereof be declared unconstitutional.

Section 16. Effective When:

This Charter shall take effect and be enforced immediately after its approval by the Legislature as provided by the Constitution of the State of California, except as herein otherwise provided.

CERTIFICATE
 WHEREAS, the City of Torrance for years last past has been and now is a city containing more than three thousand five hundred inhabitants, as ascertained by the last preceding census taken under the authority of the Congress of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on the 9th day of June, 1931, at a Special Municipal election duly and regularly held on that day, in said City, under and in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of California, the electors of said City did duly choose and elect Sarah Caroline Collins, C. Earl Conner, Robert J. Deininger, C. M. Howard, Carl L. Hyde, J. S. Lancaster, Frank R. Leonard, Scott R. Ludlow, Guy L. Mowry, Fay L. Parks, George Peckham, James W. Post, Chas. T. Rippy, W. Rufus Page and Herbert S. Wood, who were all electors of said City and eligible as candidates under said Section, a Board of fifteen freeholders to prepare a Charter for the government of said City, and

WHEREAS, the result of said election of freeholders was duly declared by the legislative body of the City of Torrance on the 15th day of June, 1931, and the said electors thereafter duly qualified as such freeholders in accordance with law,

BE IT KNOWN, that in pursuance of the provisions of said Constitution and within the period of one hundred and twenty days, with an additional period of sixty days duly granted by the legislative body of the City of Torrance, on the 6th day of October, 1931, after the result of said election was so declared, the Board of Freeholders has prepared and does now propose the foregoing as and for the charter of the City of Torrance; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, that the said Board of Freeholders hereby requests said legislative body of the City of Torrance to cause said proposed charter to be published, and copies thereof to be printed in convenient pamphlet form and to advertise in one or more papers of general circulation published in the City of Torrance, a notice that such copies may be had upon application therefor, all in accordance with the provisions of said Section 8, Article XI, of said constitution, and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, that said Board of Freeholders hereby fixes Monday, the 11th day of April, 1932 (upon which day the general municipal election next following the expiration of said sixty days is held), as the date fixed by said Freeholders for the election upon such proposed charter, and at which said general election such charter shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Torrance for their ratification and adoption. If the legislature of the State of California approves this Charter it shall thereupon become the Charter and organic law of the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the duly elected, qualified and undersigned Freeholders of the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, have hereunto set our hands at the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on this 9th day of December, 1931,

CHAS. T. RIPPY,
 Chairman.
 ROBERT J. DEININGER,
 Secretary.

SARAH CAROLINE COLLINS
 C. EARL CONNER
 J. S. LANCASTER
 FAY L. PARKS
 JAMES W. POST
 GEORGE PECKHAM
 FRANK R. LEONARD
 SCOTT R. LUDLOW
 CARL L. HYDE
 ROBERT J. DEININGER,
 CHAS. T. RIPPY

Freeholders of the City of Torrance,
 County of Los Angeles, State of California.

ATTEST:

ROBERT J. DEININGER,
 Secretary of the Board of Freeholders.

**MORATORIUM
 IDEA IS NOT
 NEW IN CAL.**

SACRAMENTO.—(U.P.)—The "debt moratorium" isn't a new idea in California. Although Governor Rolph's appeal to holders of mortgages and trust deeds not to foreclose on small home owners who are financially embarrassed appeared to be a new departure in state government, it wasn't at all.

Records of Secretary of State Frank C. Jordan's office reveal that moratoriums—forgiving debtors of their debts—were common during the administrations of Governors George Pardee and J. N. Gillett.

"Special Holidays" Declared
 As a precautionary measure to protect banks in the unsettled days following the San Francisco earthquake and fire, Governor Pardee issued daily proclamations from April 19 to June 2, 1906, declaring each day to be a public debt holiday.

Few persons took advantage of these proclamations, however, as their purpose was intended to give banks the right to close legally on any day in the event financial conditions warranted closing.

Then again, during the financial stringency of 1907, Governor Gillett issued a series of proclamations declaring "special holidays" from November 1 to 30, inclusive, and from December 9 to 21, inclusive.

Courts Were Closed
 These "group holidays" proclamations were issued in accordance



Dogie Cy just got in from Turkey Springs with the mail, an' his face is all skinned up. Would he just as had to say he got bucked off, he said, so he'd tell the truth. He says he met a female on the trail, down by the lone pine, an' turned out n' let 'er pass, 'n she looked back 'n he did too, 'n he forgot that old buck tree was still there with that low limb on it—well, he got one of them face liftin' operations 'n it never cost 'im a cent.

He's got such a perty nose any way—I think they was lookin' at that nose when they named this here ranch.

with an act passed at a special legislative session in 1907 and were intended, as Governor Gillett explained, "to preserve the state's financial integrity, regain confidence, and avert financial panics." During the periods of the Gillett holidays, courts of record suspended operations, although all other public offices remained open, the courts closing so foreclosure proceedings could not be instituted against delinquent debtors temporarily embarrassed financially.

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