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CITY OFFERS WATER CO. \$113,441

COUNCIL OVER-RIDES MAYOR IN FORCING QUICK ACTION

Water Company Given 10 Days to Decide Whether It Will
Accept Offer or Risk City Paralleling
Pipe Lines

CITY ENGINEER INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE PLANS

Klusman Attempts to Delay Move By Objecting to Engineer
Preparing Plans for Submitting
to R. N. A.

Riding rough-shod over the vehement protests of Mayor W. T. Klusman, the "Four Horsemen" of the Torrance city council Tuesday night forced a show-down on the long mooted question of buying the pipe system of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company, and the water company was given ten days in which to make up its mind whether it wanted to accept the city's consulting engineers' appraisal price of \$113,441, or risk the danger of having its lines paralleled by those of an entirely new municipal system.

On motion of Councilman Earl Connor, the council "instructed the city clerk to write the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company offering it \$113,441 for its existing plant if and when the bonds are taken by the federal government under the National Recovery Act, and to grant the City of Torrance a 90-day option at this price for a consideration of one dollar—the offer to stand for 10 days."

The ultimatum was issued to the water company following an explanation by Mayor W. T. Klusman of a private meeting with E. C. Nelson, president of the company, and at which meeting Mayor Klusman stated Nelson indicated a price of \$165,000 would be acceptable to officials of the company. Klusman also revealed that Nelson had suggested forming a board of arbitration to argue out the price to be paid for the system. He suggested that one engineer be appointed by the city, another by the water company, and a third chosen by the two first named. Mayor Klusman also explained that the water company felt that the city had no funds at the present time with which to purchase the system and that the matter should be held in abeyance until the bonds had been sold.

Klusman Rebuffed
Irrked by what appeared to be further efforts on the part of Mayor Klusman to delay construction of an adequate municipal water system, the remaining four members of the city council took matter in their own hands and adopted the motion to force a decision on the question, setting a ten day time limit for the water company to decide.

Mayor Stalls Again
Later in the meeting when council members sought to expedite matters by instructing the consulting engineer to prepare plans and specifications to be submitted with the city's request for a loan from the federal government under the N. I. R. A., the "Four Councilmanic Horsemen" were obliged to again over-ride the fiery but futile protests of Mayor Klusman, who again sought to delay action, claiming that further work should be done on revising plans until the city knew whether it was to buy the water company's system or not. However, the mayor's protests were ignored and the plans were ordered prepared, in order that everything will be in readiness for the city to apply for federal aid as soon as the district administrator of the N. I. R. A. is named.

Ask For \$375,000
It was agreed by the city council to ask for an appropriation of \$375,000 from the N. I. R. A.; 30 per cent of which will be an outright grant, and the remainder loaned at 4 per cent. C. J. Rambo, city auditor, has offered to make a trip to San Francisco and file the city's request with the public works administrator, as soon as he is appointed by the president, which is expected in a few days.

Mayor Klusman reiterated that he stood for a one dollar water rate per 1000 cubic feet, and stated that he would favor limiting the amount of bonds to be issued to such an amount that would per-

CITY OPTIONS RESERVOIR SITE

Six Acres Offered At Low
Price For Water
Plant

A 90-day option for the purchase of six acres of land, upon which to erect a reservoir, pumping plant, and drill wells for the proposed new municipal water system was negotiated this week between the City of Torrance and the Chanslor Canfield Midway Oil Company. The site lies at the corner of Torrance boulevard and Madonna avenue and is particularly desirable for the erection of a reservoir because it has the highest elevation of any land within the water district.

Mayor Persists In Attempt to Cut Salaries

Gets No Encouragement
From Other Members of
City Council

Mayor W. T. Klusman renewed his efforts to further reduce salaries of city employees at the Tuesday night council meeting, but he received scant encouragement from other members of the city council. Mayor Klusman stated that he proposed saving \$5000 next year by cutting salaries. He proposed that the city clerk's salary be cut from \$250 to \$150 per month. Under the state law, the city council is required to set the salary of the city clerk every four years, which remains unchanged for the ensuing four-year term. The city clerk's term of office expires next spring and it will be necessary for the council to set the salary before the election is held. Mayor Klusman asked for opinions from other members of the council on his proposed salary cuts.

Councilman Hitchcock promptly replied that he was in favor of leaving salaries as they are. Councilman Wright accused the mayor of wanting to cut employees' salaries so that he could pay for the park. Councilman Ludlow said he thought the council should try every other means of reducing municipal expenses before resorting to cutting wages, at a time when everyone else is raising wages.

Governors Visit Long Beach Next Saturday Morning

President Bert W. Lanz, head of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, has been invited to serve on the reception committee which will receive the governors of 24 states when they visit Long Beach, Saturday, July 29.

The visiting notables are gathered in California to attend the annual convention of governors, which met in Sacramento, and are making a tour of the principal cities of the state. Formalities will be conducted at the Long Beach Municipal auditorium, beginning at 10:30 Saturday morning, with representatives of all the smaller communities in this district as part of the reception committee.

Water Report No. 2

Covering the Cost of Complete Water
System for Torrance

By CHAS. BRADSHAW
Special Consulting Engineer for City

Honorable City Council
Torrance,
California
July 20th, 1933.
Gentlemen:

We herewith submit a continuation of our appraisal report on the water supply property of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Co. dated the 10th inst.

This report will show the works necessary to complete the system of the above Company so as to fully serve the district together with its cost. This work we will call the "Completion System." It will also show the pipe lines and accessories necessary to replace the present system on the assumption that you were going to abandon the old plant and build yourselves a completely new one. This replacement plant will be called the "Substitute System." Then if we add the cost of the "Completion System" to the value of the existing supply plant given in our report of the 10th, we will have the cost of a complete distribution project for the district based on purchasing and completing the present system. If we add the cost of the "Completion System" to that for the "Substitute System," we will have the cost of an entirely new distribution project.

In order to have a complete water supply project for the district, we must add to the distribution system cost obtained by either of the above methods the cost of wells, reservoir, pumping plants, pressure tank and other accessories which go to make up the "water furnishing plant," we will have the cost of the entire project for an independent water system for the district.

The following schedule gives the material required and cost required to fill out the present Company system so that it would fully serve all present needs of the district, together with the cost of the same including all necessary accessories and including overhead to the amount of 13%. The items required are as follows:

4-inch C. I. pipe 4660'	@ \$0.67	\$ 3,122
6-inch C. I. pipe 26295'	@ 0.89	23,403
8-inch C. I. pipe 9430'	@ 1.23	11,599
10-inch C. I. pipe 2990'	@ 1.68	5,023
12-inch C. I. pipe 7925'	@ 2.12	16,801
16-inch C. I. pipe 355'	@ 3.11	1,104

Total base cost of cast iron pipe	\$ 61,052
For services in place of those on lines abandoned, 90 @ \$12.00, average	1,080
For valves and fittings, 10%	6,105
For 50 fire hydrants @ \$47.00	2,350
	9,535
	\$ 70,587

If irrigation connections are desired, 10-inch riveted steel, 1850' @ 77c	\$ 1,420
Fittings for above, 10%	142
	1,562
Total cost of all pipes	\$ 72,149
For overhead and contingencies, 13%	9,379
	\$ 81,528

We shall call this work the "Completion System." By adding to the above amount, the estimated value of the water system of the Public Utility Company (\$113,441), we have the estimated total cost of a complete distributing system for the district as based on purchasing the present system at the estimated value as given above. This total would be \$194,969.

If it should become necessary to replace the distributing pipe system of the present Public Utility Company, the following quantities of materials with the costs would be required:

4-inch C. I. pipe 3630'	@ \$0.67	\$ 2,432
6-inch C. I. pipe 41790'	@ 0.89	37,193
8-inch C. I. pipe 15940'	@ 1.23	19,660
10-inch C. I. pipe 2030'	@ 1.68	3,410
12-inch C. I. pipe 5200'	@ 2.12	11,024
16-inch C. I. pipe 400'	@ 3.11	1,244

Total cost for cast iron pipe	\$ 74,909
Add for valves and fittings, 10% of above	7,491
Add for 100 fire plugs @ \$47.00	4,700
Add for services	17,490
Add for meters	25,585
	\$130,155
Add for overhead and contingencies, 13%	16,920
	\$147,075

This amount takes the place of the net present value of the water supply system of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company as given in the report accompanying. We shall call this the "Substitute System." If we add this cost of the "Substitute System" (\$147,075) to the cost for the "Completion System" given above (\$81,528), we shall have the cost of an entirely new distribution system at \$228,603, or a considerably greater cost than the (Continued on Page 5)

Relief Society and Red Cross Move to New Headquarters

The Torrance Relief Society and the Red Cross headquarters which have been carrying on their activities from the location at 1303 Cabrillo avenue, have moved to 1605 Gramercy, quarters formerly occupied by Graham Bros. tailoring and cleaning shop.

According to Mrs. Caroline Collins, in charge of the Red Cross work here, the supplies of flour furnished free by the government, have now been exhausted and no more will be given out at present. The making of clothing for free distribution from Red Cross headquarters continues.

Civil Service Examinations

The United States civil service commission will accept applications until August 8, 1933, for the positions of assistant and junior messengers in the Departmental Service, Washington, D. C.

The entrance salary for assistant messenger is \$1050 a year, and for junior messenger \$800 a year, less a deduction of not to exceed 15 per cent as a measure of economy and a retirement deduction of 3 1/2 per cent. Full information may be obtained from the secretary of the United States civil service board of examiners, at the post office of customhouse in this city.

IT WAS A LAUGH!

"Just a moment, Mr. Mayor," said Councilman Jim Hitchcock as Mayor Klusman began a discussion on the water issue last Tuesday. "I have an exhibit to bring in." Whereupon the jovial Jim, lugged in a bag of boxing gloves, Indian clubs, police men's billies, dumb-bells, and other implements of combat, and distributed them among the councilmen. "Now go ahead with your report," said Hitchcock, while the audience roared.

CITY TAX RATE SET AT 94 CENTS AS COUNCIL LOWERS BUDGET

While Rate Is Higher, Amount of Money to Be Paid By
Taxpayers Is Less Because of
Reduced Valuations

Torrance city council Tuesday night adopted a tentative municipal budget of \$145,000, with which to carry on the business of the city for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1933. This represents a reduction of \$12,735 from last year's budget of \$157,735, and a reduction of \$25,779 compared with the 1931-32 budget of \$173,514.

While the amount of money to be raised from taxation is materially less than last year, the tax rate will be slightly higher due to the sharp reductions that have been made in assessed valuations. Assessed valuations of Torrance property for 1933-34 have been placed at \$15,301,000, a reduction of \$3,354,865 over the 1932-33 figure of \$18,655,865, or a cut of approximately 17 per cent.

Based on the proposed budget of \$145,000 for the coming year, Councilman Scott Ludlow, chairman of the city's finance committee, stated that the tax rate in the "Old Town" will be 94c per \$100 of assessed valuation, and 88c in the "New Town," or annexed territory. These rates will bring in approximately \$145,845, Ludlow stated. While the rates are 11 cents higher than last year, the amount of money to be collected from each taxpayer will be less than last year, Ludlow points out, due to the lowering of assessed valuations.

Even if the rates had been set at 99c and 93c, the amount of money to be paid by taxpayers would not have been greater than was paid last year, Ludlow explained, so you might say in a sense that we have reduced the rate 5c in levying only 84c and 88c. "If we had the same valuation as we had in 1931-32, or \$24,000,000, a rate of 61c would raise our budget this year," Ludlow stated.

City Clerk Bartlett outlined a budget calling for \$137,216 and recommended that the rate be set at 96c in the "Old Town" and 90c in the annexed territory, but the council tentatively adopted the lower budget of Finance Chairman Ludlow, calling for 94c and 88c rates. Special expenditures this year, which account for the increase in tax rates over last year, include: \$15,000 for completing the payment on the municipal park, \$9000 to construct a fence bordering the

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Legionnaires Choose Phoenix As Their New Post Commander

Percy A. Phoenix, former manager of the drum and bugle corps, and recently in charge of the Bert S. Crossland Post's welfare work among the veterans, was elected to head that organization as commander at the annual meeting held Monday night at the American Legion clubhouse.

Phoenix is one of the most active workers in the post and his choice as commander was practically unanimous. Other officers who were named are Jack Barrington, first vice commander; Ray W. Cooke, second vice commander; R. J. Deinger, finance officer; James Wilkes, chaplain and historian; B. F. Peterson, service officer; D. R. Henley, sergeant-at-arms; H. M. Bailey, B. F. Peterson and W. H. Stanger, executive committee; Alex McPhail retires as commander on installation of his successor.

Four City Blocks Devoted to World's Largest Card Party

Working diligently with the committee from the Bert S. Crossland post to promote the "world's largest outdoor card party," which will be held on the downtown streets of Torrance on Saturday night, August 5, the merchants of this city are preparing many interesting events for the entire week preceding the event.

Special offerings will be made at attractive prices. Window decorations will be of varied and absorbing character, in which huge playing cards will be the principal note. Prizes will be donated by the merchants to be awarded to the winners in various groups and a grand prize will be given at the close of the festivities.

A committee from the Legion post appeared Tuesday night before the city council to ask permission to rope off Sartori avenue between Marcella and Post avenues, and El Prado between Border and Craven, making four city blocks which will be closed to wheeled traffic and devoted to card games. It is expected that at least 2000 people will take part in the play.

Concessions, operated by various city groups, will add to the variety of entertainment, and refreshment stands will be numerous. The night will be the big night in the history of Torrance entertainment, and no effort is being spared to make it a notable and joyous event.

Would Gather Black Sands Off of Beach

A request for permission to remove black mineralized sands from the tidelands of "Torrance Beach" was made by the Redondo Products Co., Inc., at Tuesday night's city council meeting. Representatives of the company stated that they were negotiating with officials of Hollywood-Rivera subdivision to cross their property after loading the black sands from the tidelands. The matter was referred to the city engineer for investigation and report at the next council meeting.

NEW CORPORATION IS GRANTED ARTICLES

Frank E. Cuculich of Harbor City is listed among the directors of the Gulf Fisheries Corporation, which was granted new articles of incorporation this week by the state corporation commissioner. Associated with Cuculich are Thomas J. Quinn, Ellis E. Sterling and James J. Montgomery of Los Angeles; Emil Fernandez of Pomona and James A. Walker of Glendale.



CONGRESSMAN C. J. GOLDEN TO TALK HERE

General Public Invited to
Welcome-Home Dinner at
Earl's Cafe, Aug. 3

A welcome-home dinner honoring Congressman Charles J. Golden, representative from this district at Washington, will be held on Thursday, August 3, at 6:30 p. m. in the banquet room of Earl's Cafe, it was announced by officials of the Torrance Democratic Club, under whose auspices the affair is being held.

"While the dinner is sponsored by the Democratic Club, the general public is cordially invited to attend and hear from their own representative of the epochal developments at the nation's capital," said Beverly B. Smith, president of the Torrance club. Congressman Golden has been in great demand as a public speaker throughout Southern California since he returned from Washington recently, and his masterful portrayal of affairs at the nation's capital have won him enthusiastic applause from those who have been fortunate to hear him. He has promised to give his Torrance audience an insight into the workings of the New Deal and the National Recovery Act, as well as to relate many interesting sidelights of affairs at Washington.

A short but interesting entertainment program is being arranged, but the major portion of the after-dinner program will be given over to the address by Congressman Golden, it is announced by the committee in charge. Tickets for the dinner will sell for 75 cents each, and may be obtained at Earl's Cafe or the Torrance Herald office. At other cities where Congressman Golden has spoken, the demand for tickets has greatly exceeded the seating capacity of the banquet rooms, and those who wish to attend the August 3 dinner are urged to secure tickets at once in order to avoid disappointment.

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