

Torrance, California  
October 27, 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 Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, October 27, 1936 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Stanger called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. Absent: Councilman Hitchcock.

Councilman Powell moved that the minutes of the special meetings held October 2, October 5 and October 23, 1936 and of the regular meeting held October 13, 1936 be approved as written. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the Secretary of the Torrance Ministerial Union, applying for use of the Civic Auditorium for Thanksgiving Day services at 10 A.M., November 26, 1936, for Christmas program rehearsals December 11 and 16, and for Community Christmas Programs by the Schools and Churches at 7:30 P.M., December 16, 1936.

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

Copy of Western Union telegram, addressed to Mr. F. R. Leonard, City Engineer, regarding the approval of a \$4950.00 grant for the Administration Building. Also letter from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works in Los Angeles, confirming same. Filed.

Communication from the Division of Highways of the State of California regarding the authorization of an expenditure of \$1135.54 toward defraying the cost of maintaining Hawthorne Avenue and Strawberry Street for the balance of the biennium (1935-36). Filed.

Letter from the City Engineer of Redondo Beach regarding hazardous intersection of State Avenue and Avenue "I", and recommending the installation of a sodium vapor light.

Engineer Leonard stated that he had replied to this letter, explaining that he had contacted Mr. Cortelyou, and a traffic man had come to Torrance to investigate the situation, but had stated that a sodium vapor light was not necessary at this intersection.

Engineer Leonard further stated that this intersection is at the edge of the City of Torrance and also affects the County and the City of Redondo Beach. He said that the County had already reported that they would pay no part of the maintenance, and that he was awaiting a reply in this connection from the City of Redondo Beach.

It was decided to defer action on this matter until hearing further from Redondo Beach.

Bill from Walker & Eisen, Architects, covering preliminary sketch and plans on Administration Building and Fire Engine House.

Councilman McGuire moved that this bill be paid. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Hitchcock.

The City Clerk requested authority to purchase docket for the Police Court, which can be obtained for \$50.00.

Councilman Tolson moved that this purchase be approved. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Hitchcock.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1041

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$448.00 TO FRED W. WEBER FOR FURNISHING AND INSTALLING 560 FEET OF 4" CAST IRON WATER MAIN FOR ACT OF 1927 MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1041 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Hitchcock.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1042

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY TO TERMINATE LIABILITY ON FRANCHISE BOND NO. 790222 OF THE GENERAL PIPE LINE COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1042 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Hitchcock.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1043

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CONTRACT WITH LINDE AIR PRODUCTS COMPANY FOR OXYGEN AND ACETYLENE FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING NOVEMBER 1, 1936, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1937

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1043 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Hitchcock.

Attorney Rippy presented for first reading and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 288

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONSENTING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD FROM STATE STREET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS A COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 288 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Hitchcock.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Clerk negotiate with the owners of the Recreation Center in WALTERIA and arrange to rent the building for an amount not to exceed \$12.50 per month. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Hitchcock.

Councilman Tolson stated that the water storage tank at the well site needs painting on the inside, and asked City Engineer Leonard to explain.

The City Engineer stated that the painting was included in the original estimate, but that the consulting engineer, Mr. Taylor, had

taken it out. However, he stated that this painting was important and this is an opportune time to do it.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation not to exceed \$490.00 be made from the water bond fund to cover the painting of the inside of the storage tank. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Hitchcock.

Councilman Tolson moved that \$700.00 be appropriated for the improvement of Hawthorne Avenue (which amount is to be refunded by the State, their allocation of this sum having already been made). Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Hitchcock.

Mayor Stanger stated that Mr. Bill Day, of the Columbia Steel Corporation, wishes to enter into a contract with the City to purchase clay, dirt and sand out of the city dump for ten cents per ton.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Attorney be authorized to draw up a contract with Mr. Day, with the proviso that the City may terminate the agreement at any time, after giving reasonable notice, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute said contract. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Hitchcock.

Mayor Stanger asked City Attorney Rippy about the status of the Damuth case.

Attorney Rippy replied that the attorney for the other side was on a vacation and that he understood that the matter was to be taken up with Mr. Damuth, before he left, with reference to making some kind of an adjustment.

The City Attorney stated that he thought the case could be settled for \$600.00 and that in the event it could be settled that way, it would save a lawsuit, but he wasn't positive that Damuth would take that amount.

The Mayor also asked the Attorney about the transportation problem for school children in Walteria.

Attorney Rippy stated that he had written to the Board of Education, but that they had not passed on the question he raised as to the distance from the school that children should live to have free transportation. He said that he had written a second letter, to which a reply had not yet been received.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City Clerk be authorized to purchase a Plymouth car from the local dealer for the Police Department, the price to be \$328.00 plus the De Soto car. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Hitchcock.

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

At 8:20 P.M., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Tolson, the meeting adjourned.

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

Approved:

W. H. Stanger  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.