

Torrance, California  
October 13, 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 13, 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 regular meeting of September 22, 1936 be approved as written. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the Clifford F. Reid Company, expressing appreciation for fire truck and giving written agreement to house and man the truck. Filed.

Communication from Mr. Irvin C. Rous, requesting that his resignation from the Civil Service Commission be accepted.

Councilman McGuire moved that this resignation be accepted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from Southern California Edison Company reporting the installation of an all-night light at Ellis and Codona, in Walteria. Filed.

Letter of appreciation from the Torrance Ministerial Union for use of Civic Auditorium for Union Sunday Evening Services. Filed.

Communication from the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company, addressed to the City Engineer, stating that they do not favor the improvement of Emerald Street through a parcel of land which they are holding for industrial development.

Councilman McGuire moved that a copy of this letter be sent to Mr. Ted Frenger. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried.

Communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting an advance of \$112.50 to cover cost of street decorations used in connection with the Torrance Silver Festival.

Councilman Tolson moved that this request be granted. 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.

Request from Liston Brothers for permit to establish brick manufacturing plant at 17924 South Prairie Avenue.

The Mayor asked the City Engineer if this location would be suitable for a brick yard, and Mr. Leonard replied that there were several already located in the vicinity and that he could see no objection.

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

Letter from the Western Insurance Company, inclosing sealed bid on insurance for the City of Torrance fleet of trucks and automobiles, which bid they requested should not be opened unless the decision as to the award of the insurance would be made this date.

The City Clerk stated that no sealed bids had been asked for, but the City Attorney said it could be accepted.

Councilman Powell moved that the City advertise for bids in the newspaper and that the lowest responsible bidder be accepted. This motion was lost for want of a second.

Councilman McGuire moved that the bids be read. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried.

Clerk Bartlett read bids as follows:

Western Insurance Company (Bronson C. Buxton, Agent)

Total Premium - \$998.76

Fidelity-Phoenix (W. H. Gilbert, Agent)

Total Premium - \$1106.42

Travelers (Howard G. Locke, Agent)

Total Premium - \$1106.42

Councilman McGuire moved that the lowest bid be accepted. 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.

City Attorney Rippy presented a communication from Los Angeles County requesting the City to approve the improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard through the City of Torrance. Mr. Rippy explained that this street was a part of the County system of highways, and that there would be no expense to the City in connection with this grading and paving.

City Attorney Rippy then presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1040

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE CONSENTING TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF  
CRENSHAW BOULEVARD FROM STATE STREET TO THE  
SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1040 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.

Mayor Stanger asked Attorney Rippy about the school bus situation in Walteria. Attorney Rippy stated that he understood that most of the pupils were getting tickets without having to pay for them. He also said that he had not yet heard from the Board of Education, and that he expected to write to them again very soon, if he did not hear from them.

Councilman Powell presented a tentative draft of a proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 235 for the consideration of the Council, which would add Section 19 to this Ordinance and provide for a \$3.00 annual license fee for business and professional people who do not employ any help other than themselves.

Mayor Stanger requested Councilman Powell to submit the proposed amendment to City Attorney Rippy and suggested that the Council meet in the very near future to consider the business license ordinance.

Councilman Powell brought up the question of painting the upright pieces to match the sign at the City Park. Councilman McGuire said that it would be taken care of.

Mayor Stanger asked Councilman Powell if he had given the City Engineer the locations of the sumps reported as a hazard at the last meeting.

Councilman Powell responded that he had, and the City Engineer, stated that he and the Street Superintendent had investigated them. Mr. Leonard stated that one of the sumps is being used occasionally by the C.C.M.O., but that the other one had not been used for a long time and was dried up.

Councilman Powell suggested that the one being used might be fenced off, if it is dangerous, and the City Engineer was asked to contact the C.C.M.O. in this regard.

Councilman Tolson stated that the Star Department Store had offered to sell a public address system to the City for \$75.00.

After considerable discussion, Councilman Tolson moved that the City should not purchase this public address system at the present time. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson brought up the matter of the playground in WALTERIA, stating that the City had been asked to decide whether it would be interested in purchasing this property and, if not, what rental would be considered.

Councilman Powell requested that Councilmen Tolson and McGuire look over this property with him and determine what rental might be offered. Thursday afternoon, October 15th, was decided upon.

Councilman McGuire asked if any report had been received regarding the fire rates. Mayor Stanger replied that an oral report had been received, promising a reduction in the rates, and that further information would be forthcoming.

Mayor Stanger stated that the Street Commissioner had ordered a paint spraying outfit just before he left on his vacation, and he requested a motion approving this purchase.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation in the amount of \$202.75 be approved for the purchase of a paint spraying outfit. 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 reminded the City Council and other City officials of the program to be given by the people of "North Torrance" on Wednesday evening, October 14.

Mayor Stanger announced that the next League meeting will be held October 23, 1936 at Ontario.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. W. H. Gilbert and Mr. Howard G. Locke both stated that it had been their understanding that the City would not consider the bids of any non-conference insurance companies and that they therefore had presented bids from conference companies only, for the fleet insurance, and they requested that they be permitted to submit bids also from non-conference companies.

Mr. Buxton stated that the conference insurance company agents had already been granted an extension of thirty days' time and he did not see why further time should be extended, in view of the fact that his figure had now been announced.

After considerable discussion, Councilman McGuire moved that the motion awarding the insurance stand as passed. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. J. O. Bishop stated that an attempt was being made to form an Athletic Club in Torrance, and he invited the Council to come over to the Civic Auditorium after the close of the meeting, to watch the badminton games and to see what possibilities there might be for such an athletic club.

Mayor Stanger thanked him for the invitation and wished him success.

Mr. Klusman asked if there was any information regarding the City Charter.

Mayor Stanger stated that no information is available at the present time.

Mr. Klusman also asked if the hog ranch had been moved from the McDonald Tract, to which the Mayor gave an affirmative reply.

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 8:35 P.M., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Tolson, the meeting adjourned.

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

Approved:

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