

Torrance, California  
January 3, 1939

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Special Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, January 3, 1939 at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Clerk Bartlett read the call of the meeting, being "for the purpose of considering the re-appointment of John H. Stroh as Director of Public Safety, and take such action as may be deemed necessary with reference to the dismissal of A.D. Stevenson, Captain of the Torrance Fire Department; also to consider the appointment of John E. McMaster as Acting Chief of the Torrance Fire Department under the supervision of Director of Public Safety, John H. Stroh."

The re-appointment of John H. Stroh as Director of Public Safety was discussed at great length, the question being whether or not Mr. Stroh could be given another six months' leave of absence from Civil Service without losing his civil service rank. Mr. Stroh advised that on January 1, 1939, the expiration date of his first six months' leave of absence from Civil Service, he had placed John E. McMaster in charge of the Fire Department and G. M. Calder in charge of the Police Department temporarily,

pending some action of the Council in regard to his own position.

Attorney McCall advised that re-appointment of Mr. Stroh for another six months' period, with leave of absence from Civil Service, for that time, would not jeopardize his civil service position in any way whatsoever. He suggested that the appointment be made by resolution.

The meeting recessed at 6:45 for the purpose of drawing up to resolutions, and reconvened at 7:15 P.M.

Clerk Bartlett read the Findings and Judgement of the Trial Board of the Civil Service Commission in the case of J.H. Stroh, Director of Public Safety and Chief of Torrance Fire Department, City of Torrance, Complainant, and A.D. Stevenson, Defendant.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1226

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING JUDGEMENT OF THE TRIAL BOARD OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1226 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1227

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPOINTING JOHN H. STROH AS CHIEF OF POLICE AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND CREATING SALARY FOR SAME.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1227 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that John E. McMaster be appointed as Acting Chief of the Fire Department and be given a leave of absence for six months from the position now held as Captain of the Fire Department under Civil Service, effective January 1, 1939. Councilman Hitchcock, seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 7:40 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Murray, the meeting adjourned.

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

Approved:  
[Signature]  
Mayor of the City of Torrance