

Torrance, California  
November 10, 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, November 10, 1936 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Stanger called the meeting to order.

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

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 27, 1936 and of the special meetings of November 4 and November 5, 1936 be approved as written. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the Loyal Order of Moose, Torrance, California, thanking the City Council for the use of the Civic Auditorium for their recent program and dance, and offering to serve the City in any way.

Communication from Clifford F. Reid, Inc., thanking the City for painting signs on streets in their section of the City.

Communication from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, offering aid in the construction of the Administration Building.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1044

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE OFFER OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO AID BY WAY OF GRANT IN FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING INCLUDING NECESSARY EQUIPMENT

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1044 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. The City Clerk thereupon declared said Resolution carried.

Attorney Rippy presented for final reading, and read the title of:

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 Tolson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 288 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried.

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

Attorney Rippy presented for first reading and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 289

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBIT-  
ING PICKETING OR SPEAKING IN PUBLIC PLACES IN  
A LOUD OR UNUSUAL TONE FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 289 be laid over for further consideration by the Council. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried (Councilman McGuire voting "No").

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$300.00 be transferred from the unallocated fund to the Street Department fund. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk be authorized to purchase one International truck for \$1039.60, including sales tax (To replace 1926 Chevrolet Truck). Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk be authorized to purchase one Model "M" Allis-Chalmers tractor complete for \$1545.00, including sales tax and Fordson Tractor trade-in of \$125.00. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the purchase of one barrel of #20 Mobiloil for the Street Department be authorized. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Stanger moved that not to exceed \$100.00 be appropriated from the bond issue for a rug for the Water Department. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Stanger asked the City Engineer to report on the proposed public comfort station, which several merchants had requested that the City build.

Engineer Leonard stated that an estimate of \$923.00 had been given and that it was thought that the triangular park at Torrance Boulevard, Post and Sartori would be the most suitable location.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Engineer be authorized to advertise for bids on the proposed comfort station. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that a leave of absence be authorized for Councilman McGuire for approximately one month from the date of his departure. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mayor Stanger stated that approximately \$500.00 remained in the Library bond fund, and suggested that this could be used to beautify the two lots adjoining the Library.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City Engineer be instructed to proceed with the improvement of the two lots adjoining the Library, by force labor, the expense not to exceed \$500.00. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Olca Davis, of 2312 Dominguez Street, complained that a family with five children had started to move into the house next to her property, and that said house was unsanitary and a fire hazard.

Mayor Stanger asked the Council to meet with him at 11 A. M., Thursday, November 12th, to investigate this condition, and he stated that in the meantime the agent for the building would be contacted and requested to prevent the family from moving in.

A lady from North Torrance complained about having to pay a dog license, stating that that section of the City has no police protection and should therefore be privileged to have dogs, without paying a license fee. She also stated that the collector had not been consistent in his charges. She complained of the condition of the street on which she lived (which street is known variously as 174th Street, 175th Street and Strawberry Street).

Mayor Stanger stated that he would see the dog catcher regarding charging the same fee, but that no one could be exempt from paying the fee, according to the ordinance. He also requested the Street Commissioner to investigate the condition of the street.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the purchase of tires for the City service truck, in the amount of \$301.13, plus sales tax, be authorized. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy read a copy of his report to the Mayor and City Council regarding the Walteria school bus situation, also an opinion which had been submitted by Attorney-General Webb.

After considerable discussion of the matter, the Mayor requested the City Attorney to submit a copy of his report to the committee acting in behalf of the parents of the Walteria school children.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the binder for the Treasurer's Bond be approved. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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

At 9:05 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Tolson, the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, November 17, 1936 at 4:30 P.M.

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

Approved:

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